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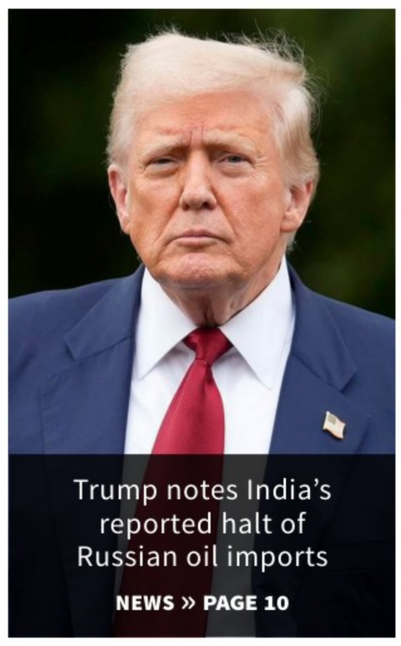

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Prajwal gets jail 'for the remainder of natural life'

The Hindu Bureau
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Prajwal Revanna

Former Janata Dal (Secular) MP Prajwal Revanna was sentenced to "imprisonment for the remainder of his natural life" by a special court on Saturday, a day after he was convicted of raping a domestic worker multiple times on his family's farm, one of four cases of rape and sexual abuse filed against him.

Delivering his verdict, Judge Santosh Gajanan Bhat of the Special Court of Sessions for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs convicted Prajwal of all the charges framed against him in this case.

He was sentenced to "imprisonment for life which shall mean remainder of natural life" under Section 376(2)(n) of the Indian Penal Code (repeated rape on the same woman), the maximum punishment possible under the Section, and "imprisonment for life" under Section 376(2)(k) (being in a position of control or dominance over a woman, commits rape on such woman) apart from a host of other sections of the IPC and Information Technology Act, 2000.

In a packed court on Saturday, Prajwal broke down after the verdict was declared, alleging a "political conspiracy" behind the case.

The judgment also imposed a total penalty of ₹11.60 lakh on the convict and ordered that ₹11.25 lakh be paid to the victim in the case.

Prajwal, the former MP from Hassan in Karnataka, is the grandson of former Prime Minister and JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda. He was suspended from the party in the wake of multiple rape allegations.

The victim in this case was a 48-year-old domestic worker employed on the family's farm who was raped twice in 2021, with the act being filmed by the former MP.

The video of the rape was leaked, along with several other explicit clips featuring nearly a hundred women, in April 2024, days ahead of the Lok Sabha election.

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Rahul claims 2024 polls rigged; EC labels it 'baseless accusation'

Congress leader says he has '100% proof' to substantiate claims, party suspects manipulation in 70-100 seats during the LS election; he says election system in India is 'already dead'; 'misleading' claims seek to discredit 'impartial hard work', says EC

Abhinay Lakshman
Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

All-out attack: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at the party's annual conclave in New Delhi on Saturday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

In a no-holds-barred attack on the Election Commission (EC) on Saturday, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, alleged that the 2024 Lok Sabha election was rigged, and claimed that the Congress suspected that the polls in anywhere between 70 and 100 seats were manipulated.

The BJP had won 240 of the 543 seats and the Congress 99 in that election.

The Congress leader, speaking at a party event, alleged that "the election system in India is already dead" and he had "100% proof" to substantiate his claim. Without spelling out the details, he cited the example of one constituency in which "6.5 lakh voters voted, out of which 1.5 lakh were fake".

Rejecting the claims, the EC said Mr. Gandhi had been making "baseless and misleading" accusations, "intended to discredit the election officials' impartial and transparent hard work". The agency said it had shared the electoral rolls of the 2024 election with all parties, but no objections were raised by the Congress then.

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Present evidence against EC, Rajnath dares Rahul

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his claim of possessing an "atom bomb of evidence" which would prove that Election Commission (EC) was engaging in "vote-theft" in Bihar under the pretext of special intensive revision (SIR).

Asking the Leader of the Opposition to present all the evidence before the public, Mr. Singh, while speaking at a function in Patna, said making baseless allegations on a credible constitutional institution like the EC does not suit Mr. Gandhi's post. He also noted that the Opposition had disrupted Parliament the previous day over the SIR issue.

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal also reacted to Mr. Gandhi's allegations on Saturday, telling a news wire service that he should present his findings to the EC, further accusing the Leader of the Opposition of "overlooking" facts and "defaming constitutional bodies".

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Transport Dept. readies Plan B as KSRTC stir looms

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With the KSRTC Employees Union set to launch an indefinite strike from August 5, the Transport Department has initiated a plan to minimise disruption for commuters.

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Monsoon magic

Colourful: Lilies bloom in the pond next to Government Museum on Kasturba Road after the rains, in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

Darshan case: 2 held for posting vulgar comments about Ramya

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Investigating the alleged vulgar messages posted on social media against actor and former MP Ramya, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) Cyber Crime officials arrested two among the 13 accused identified by the police, on August 2.

The accused – Obanna, 25, from Vijayanagar, and Gangadhar, 18, from Chikkaballapura – are said to be fans of actor Darshan. They allegedly posted vulgar comments against Ms. Ramya in response to a post she had put up on the developments in the Supreme Court on the murder case in which Darshan is the prime accused.

Ms. Ramya had filed a complaint with Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh on July 28 against the obscene and defamatory messages with details of the links and the accounts holders, seeking action. The Karnataka State Women's Commission had also asked the city Police Commissioner to take action.

Mr. Singh referred the case to the CCB which tracked down 13 persons who had put up messages. Of them, two have been arrested. Efforts are on to track down the rest.

Mr. Singh said that such incidents of harassment on social media will be dealt with strictly, and social media monitoring cells deployed at eight divisions across Bengaluru are keeping an eye on such activities.

Kerala nuns walk out of Chhattisgarh prison on bail

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Eight days after their arrest on charges of human trafficking and forced religious conversions, two Christian nuns from Kerala and a tribal man from Chhattisgarh walked out of the Durg Central Jail on Saturday after receiving bail from an NIA court.

The nuns were received on their release by a group of MPs and politicians representing all Kerala parties, including the BJP.

Catholic nuns Preethi Merry and Vandana Francis, along with Sukaman Mandavi, had been arrested at the Durg railway station on July 25, after a group of Bajrang Dal members created a ruckus and filed a police complaint. In his complaint, Bajrang Dal member Ravi Nigam had alleged that the three were taking three tribal women from Narayanpur to Agra to convert them to Christianity.

In its order, the NIA court in Bilaspur said that the FIR was "primarily based on a mere apprehension and suspicion of commission of an offence by the accused persons".

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Metro facilitates organ transport from Whitefield to R.R. Nagar

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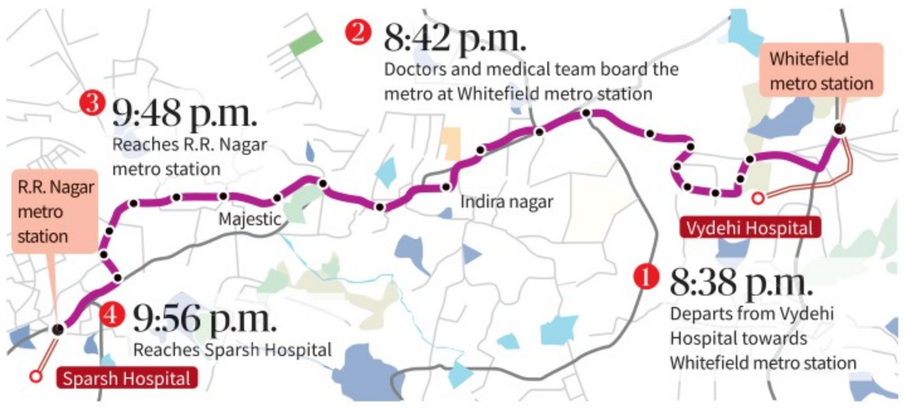

For the first time, Bengaluru's Namma Metro successfully facilitated the transportation of an organ via metro train on Friday. Officials from Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said the operation was executed with clockwork precision.

A donated human liver, intended for transplant, was transported from Vydehi Hospital in Whitefield to Sparsh Hospital in Rajarajeshwari (R.R.) Nagar using a combination of ambulance and metro train.

The liver was moved in an ambulance from Vydehi Hospital to the Whitefield Metro Station at 8.38 p.m. by a team comprising one doctor and seven medical staff.

"Upon arrival at the station, the medical team was received by an Assistant Security Officer (ASO) and metro personnel, who facilitated documentation and security checks. The organ was then swiftly transported on a metro train that departed Whitefield at 8.42 p.m. and arrived at R.R. Nagar Metro Station at 9.48 p.m," an official said.

Green corridor

Green corridors were created to cover the distance from the hospital to the metro station in Whitefield and from the metro station to the hospital in R.R. Nagar.

At the destination, another team of metro officials and security personnel assisted the medical team in transferring the organ to a waiting ambulance. "It was then safely delivered to Sparsh Hospital in time for a life-saving transplant procedure," the officials added.

A human liver being transported by a team in a Namma Metro train on Friday.

According to BMRCL, the entire operation was carried out under guidelines laid down by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), and as per the Joint Procedure Order (JPO) of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). The organ-carrying team covered the entire 31-km journey in less than an hour – a trip that could have taken over three hours by road on a congested Friday evening.

According to BMRCL officials, this is the second instance of organ transportation via metro in India, following the first initiative in Hyderabad in January, 2025.

The donated liver retrieved from a 24-year-old accident victim was needed by a critical patient at Sparsh Hospital, R.R. Nagar.

The recipient, a young male suffering from hepatitis-related liver failure, had been on the transplant waiting list for over two months, desperately hoping for a suitable match.

Before the dash: A farmer tries to control an ox before the race on the mud-filled track.

Cooling down: Farmers wash a bull in a puddle before the race begins.

Waiting their turn: Organisers use chits to determine the racing order.

Fields of fury: An oxen team competes in the traditional ploughing race known as *Naangarni Spardha* at Ringane village in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri district.

Konkan's own derby

Despite heavy rain and a red alert, villages in Ratnagiri turned up in large numbers for the traditional *Naangarni Spardha*, where farmers race their prized oxen

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Despite heavy rain and a red alert issued by the India Meteorological Department, villages in Ratnagiri district in Maharashtra witnessed a massive turnout for *Naangarni Spardha*, the traditional ploughing race, on July 26 and 27.

The event was held at Vahal-Ambitgaon and Ringane villages, about 100 kilometres apart, showcasing a unique rural sporting tradition that thrives during the Konkan monsoon.

During this time of the year, Ratnagiri transforms into a lush green landscape, with rolling hills, tall coconut palms, and rain-soaked paddy fields forming the backdrop for the high-energy competition.

Farmers transported their prized oxen in mini-lorries from neighbouring villages to participate in the races.

The contest begins with participants drawing chits to determine their racing order. The races are held on a horseshoe-shaped, mud-filled track where each farmer is allowed a warm-up lap before competing. Strict rules are enforced – any oxen pair that touches the track flags or steps outside the boundaries is immediately disqualified. Victory is determined solely by speed.

Crowds gathered, with some people travelling across districts to follow the races. Popular oxen pairs and skilled jockeys received thunderous cheers from the spectators. Many participating farmers own oxen solely for racing purposes rather than agricultural work.

At Vahal-Ambitgaon, 99 oxen pairs competed for seven prizes, with the top winner receiving ₹15,000 and a trophy. In Ringane, around 70 traditional oxen and 50 prized Khillar oxen took part, competing for ₹15,000 and ₹25,000 prizes respectively.

This long-standing tradition continues to unite rural communities, honouring the bond between farmers and their oxen while celebrating the vibrant culture and spirit of Konkan's monsoon season.

Gearing up: Farmers fasten wooden ploughs to the yoke, preparing their oxen for the race.

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Customs nab mule trying to smuggle three gibbons

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The Customs Department of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Saturday arrested a 37-year-old woman for allegedly trying to smuggle three gibbons concealed in her check-in baggage, which were later found dead due to suffocation.

The accused, identified as Najma, a resident of Bagalur, was caught as soon as she landed from a Thai Airways flight from Bangkok to Bengaluru. The accused, according to the officials, was working as a mule for an international wildlife smuggling racket and was earlier arrested for a similar offence reported by Chennai in February 2024 .

The accused had allegedly stuffed the three gibbons in the check-in bag along with packets of snacks to be handed over to her contacts waiting outside the airport.

When the officials checked the baggage they found one silver gibbon and two Bornean white bearded gibbons dead.

The accused has been booked under Wildlife Protection Act.

Slurry TBMs to be deployed for Twin Tunnel Road Project

These machines use hydraulic methods to transport the excavated material and are best suited for mixed terrain

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

Slurry tunnel boring machines (TBMs) will be deployed for the construction of Twin Tunnel Road between Hebbal Esteem Mall Junction and Silk Board Junction in Bengaluru.

The Special Purpose Vehicle, B-SMILE, has ruled out the alternative option of using hard rock TBMs, which are generally more suitable for boulder-heavy terrains. Although this was considered, B-SMILE ultimately preferred slurry TBMs due to Bengaluru's geological composition, which is a combination of boulders and soil.

B.S. Prahlad, director (Technical), B-SMILE, told *The Hindu* that hard rock TBMs had been used in a tunnel project in Mumbai, but issues were encountered there. "So, we opted for slurry TBMs instead," he said.

Slurry TBMs use hydraulic methods to transport the excavated material and are best suited for mixed terrain. Namma Metro has traditionally used a combination of slurry TBMs and Earth Pressure Balance (EPB) TBMs.

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"As our terrain is mixed in nature, there's a high risk of damage to the blades of Hard Rock TBMs. In contrast, slurry TBMs use bentonite, which allows the springs or blades to adjust based on the pressure exerted on the excavator, making it ideal for Bengaluru's terrain," Mr. Prahlad explained.

Bentonite, a type of clay, plays a crucial role in slurry TBM operations by helping regulate pressure. The government has finalised the use of eight TBMs for the project. These will be deployed from five to six different launching shafts to begin excavation.

Tender issued

Mr. Prahlad mentioned that the entire project tender has been issued under the Build, Own, Operate, and Transfer (BOOT) model, which means that the winning bidders will be responsible for procuring the TBMs themselves.

When asked about the technical specifications of the TBMs, Mr. Prahlad clarified that it is up to the contractors to decide whether to purchase the machines outright or assemble them locally.

Historically, TBMs used in Bengaluru (by Namma Metro) have averaged a progress rate of 1.6 to 1.7 km per year. While similar efficiency is expected for this tunnel project, the deciding factor will be the nature of the terrain encountered during excavation.

According to Mr. Prahlad, B-SMILE has only provided the borewell survey report along with the tender documents, in compliance with guidelines from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Any further geological analysis is the responsibility of the contractors, given the BOOT model structure of the project. "The tender clearly states that supporting documents, such as geotechnical data, are to be treated as references only. The contractors are required to conduct their own in-depth analyses," Mr. Prahlad said.

The Detailed Project Report had originally specified that intrusive surveys would be conducted well before the tendering process.

However, with the current model, the responsibility for detailed analysis now rests with the successful bidder.

B-SMILE has rolled out tenders for the 16.7 km long twin tunnel project, aimed at decongesting the city by connecting northern and southern parts.

T.J. Renukaprasad, retired professor of geology, explained that the rationale behind choosing slurry TBMs could be to seal the fracture points in the terrain.

"Bengaluru has hard rock terrain, which predominantly has peninsular gneissic rock and is also intruded by many rocks like granite and dolerite. Due to geotechnical activities, there are fractures developed in the terrain; to cement those fractures, they may be using slurry TBMs," Mr. Renukaprasad said.

He explained that these rocks in the Bengaluru terrain are over 3,200 million years old, and some are 2,500 years old.

BMRCL MD J. Ravishankar inspecting stations under the Namma Metro's Yellow line from Bommasandra to R.V. Road and Hebbagodi depot in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

BMRCL MD inspects Yellow Line of Namma Metro ahead of opening

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

J. Ravishankar, Managing Director of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Yellow Line on Saturday. The inspection covered the entire 19.15-km stretch from Bommasandra to R.V. Road, including the Hebbagodi depot.

Accompanied by senior BMRCL officials, Mr. Ravishankar reviewed the ongoing work and assessed the preparedness of the corridor.

The BMRCL MD instructed officials to address any shortfalls and ensure all arrangements are in place for the line's public opening, an official release said.

On Friday, the long-delayed Yellow Line of Namma Metro moved a step closer to becoming operational, as the BMRCL received the much-anticipated statutory safety clearance from the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS), Southern Circle.

The 19-km corridor runs through several densely populated and high-traffic areas such as Central Silk Board, HSR Layout, and Electronics City, making it a crucial route for daily commuters and tech professionals.

Initially slated for completion in 2021, the Yellow Line has faced repeated delays, with the most recent deadline that passed in June 2024. The setbacks were largely attributed to challenges in procuring the necessary rolling stock.

Clear violation of conditions, says K-RIDE as L&T terminates suburban rail contracts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprises (K-RIDE) has strongly criticised Larsen & Toubro (L&T) for unilaterally terminating its contracts for Corridor-2 (Chikkabanavara - Bennigenahalli) and Corridor-4 (Heelalige-Rajanukunte) of the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP), calling it a "clear violation" of agreement conditions.

In a release issued on Saturday, K-RIDE stated that the contracts, valid till September and October 2026, respectively, do not permit unilateral termination by the contractor. "Termination of these two contracts by L&T, received on July 31, is not expected from L&T," it said.

K-RIDE alleged that L&T had made unreasonable demands, such as revising contract prices mid-way and converting the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction(EPC) contract into an itemised Bill of Quantities(BOQ) contract, both of which are not permitted under the current agreement. Despite addressing all reasonable concerns through the contractual mechanisms, L&T went ahead with the termination, the release said.

K-RIDE states that the contracts, valid till September and October 2026, respectively, do not permit unilateral termination by the contractor. FILE PHOTO

The K-RIDE, which is implementing the Bengaluru suburban project, noted that 84% of the work front in Corridor-2 and 17 km in Corridor-4 were already made available to L&T, but progress remained unsatisfactory. K-RIDE attributed delays to poor mobilisation, frequent changes in project managers, and slow design finalisation.

Paper calls for legal recognition of domestic workers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A position paper prepared by The Human Rights Collective at National Law School India University (NLSIU), in collaboration with the Centre for Labour Studies and Stree Jagruti Samiti, a union of domestic workers, has called for legal recognition and protection of domestic workers in India.

Among the other suggestions made by the paper include the need for a nodal department to ensure the rights of domestic workers, a robust grievance redressal mechanism, blacklisting abusive employers, registration card, annual bonus and leaves for workers, and a contribution scheme towards the social security of workers.

The paper has been put together after a series of independent consultations with domestic workers, unions and other stakeholders. The meetings come in the light of the recent Supreme Court directive which directed multiple Union Ministries to form a committee to recommend a legislative framework for the benefit, protection, and regulation of domestic workers.

The committee, which was to provide its recommendations by the end of June, has not been formed yet.

The consultation meetings are being held to come up with a legislative framework that can be tabled before the committee.

"Legislative framework for domestic workers is a pressing requirement that has seen several attempts in the past. Yet, there are very few other kinds of work which have been as invisibilised from labour law as domestic work has been," said Saurabh Bhattacharjee, director of Centre for Labour Studies.

Auto fare hike: Commuters demand crackdown on drivers not using meters

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the revised autorickshaw fares came into effect in Bengaluru from August 1, several commuters have raised concerns over drivers refusing to operate by the meter. While the government announced the hike officially, many residents say the move holds little value unless meter enforcement improves on the ground.

According to the new fare structure notified by the Regional Transport Authority (RTA), the base fare has been increased from ₹30 to ₹36 for the first two kms. Beyond that, the per kilometre rate has been raised from ₹15 to ₹18.

Pradeep N., a resident of Byappanahalli who commutes daily by auto, said, "There's so much talk about the fare hike. But what's the point if no driver uses the meter? If the government ensures meters are used, most commuters won't need to depend on apps. Why is there no proper crackdown?"

According to the new fare structure notified by the RTA, the base fare has been increased from ₹30 to ₹36 for the first two km

Madhav R., a commuter from Rajajinagar, said, "The fare hike is pointless if drivers don't follow the meter. I have stopped expecting any action because it's the same story every time. The drivers get away with overcharging, and enforcement is almost non-existent."

Responding to these complaints, a senior official from the Transport Department said, "We understand the public's concern. Autorickshaw drivers must re-calibrate their fare meters as per the revised rates. However, until this process is completed, some drivers may continue to operate without using the meter. Once the re-calibration deadline ends, we will launch city-wide enforcement drives and penalise those violating the norms. We urge the public to report such cases with vehicle details so we can act swiftly."

Recently, the Transport Department has issued a directive instructing all autorickshaws operating within Bengaluru to recalibrate their meters to reflect the updated rates by October 31.

Meanwhile, Prakash N., an autorickshaw driver, said, "Since the government has given us time, we will re-calibrate our meters soon. However, we are also concerned about being fined for not using meters in the meantime."

Poetry festival kicks off; Kishore Kumar, Gaza among highlights of day 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Music, lyrics, language, and of course, verse came alive at the ninth edition of the Bengaluru Poetry Festival, which kicked off on Saturday at the Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha.

From a session dedicated to remembering Kishore Kumar on his 94th birth anniversary to those that lingered on some of the most pertinent issues of our time, including Gaza, the festival reiterated this: poetry and humanity are deeply intertwined, and have been since the very beginning of civilisation.

"It is appropriate to have a poem about Gaza today," said award-winning poet and novelist Jeet Thayil in response to Sri Lankan poet and short story writer Shirani Rajapakse's poem about it at a session titled 'You Are the World', which had six poets from across the world read from their work. Thayil, who shared the stage with Ali Al Maazmi, Amal Al Sahlawi, Claudia Keelan, Daryl Lim Wei Jie, as well as Rajapakse, himself, read two poems about the ongoing genocide in the Gaza Strip, a brutal reminder of the starvation and mass killing of over 60,000 people since October 2023.

Stills from the poetry festival at Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Major highlights

Some other highlights of the festival included 'Love Liberates, It Doesn't Bind', which had actress and singer Ramya Nambessan talk about her creative process with media professional Archana Vasudev; 'City Songs', a discussion of a new anthology, *The Penguin Book of Poems on the Indian City;* 'Serenading in 70 mm', which explored how poetry supports narrative in cinema; 'Pada Sanchara', with Kannada poet Mamta Sagar talking and performing from her latest work, and 'Remembering Kishore Kumar', which paid homage to the versatile artist two days before his 94th birth anniversary.

"Kishore Kumar was a multifaceted personality," said writer, TEDx speaker and Bollywood commentator Balaji Vittal, who was in conversation with Aniruddha Bhattacharjee, the author of *Kishore Kumar: The Ultimate Biography (2022)* and *R.D. Burman: The Man the Music (2011).*

Over a music-punctuated conversation, the two discussed Kumar's life, music, song origins and relationships with other well-known people.

Bollywood

The discussion also veered towards Karnataka's tenuous connection with Bollywood, "somehow Karnataka has never worked that closely with Bombay," said Vittal, pointing out, however, that the movie *Sholay* was shot here in Ramanagar.

Till Aug 3

The Bengaluru Poetry Festival continues till August 3, starting at 10 a.m. every day. To know more, log in to https://bengalurupoetryfestival.org/schedule

Book event

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Renowned Kannada writer Jayant Kaikini emphasised that literature is a powerful tool to face life's challenges, especially for today's youth.

Speaking at the "Book of the Month in the Courtyard" event organised by the Kannada Book Authority and Sheshadripuram College on Tuesday, he highlighted the relevance of Vyasaraya Ballal's novel *Bandaya,* describing Ballal as a rare literary voice who shifted from emotional narratives to revolutionary themes. *Bandaya* explores conflicts not only between labourers and capitalists but also personal rebellions across generations and relationships.

Kaikini praised Ballal's symbolic portrayal of a red kumkum mark as revolutionary.

Down to earth: Competitors and spectators stand in deep mud.

Reins in rain: A farmer runs with his prized oxen on the rain-soaked track.

Chasing the trophy: Crossing the finish line with his oxen, a farmer jumps in triumph.

Eyes on track: Women from nearby villages sit outside the boundary to watch the competition.

Raised to run: Some farmers raise oxen solely for racing, not farming. Each pair is trained and transported for events.

ITC: Navigating A TURN To Reimagine The Future

Excerpts from the Address by
Shri Sanjiv Puri, Chairman & Managing Director, ITC Limited

114th Annual General Meeting, ITC Limited, July 25, 2025

Enduring Value

A few months ago, India demonstrated to the world its firm resolve to counter terrorism with zero tolerance. The swift and decisive action, led commendably by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, and the indomitable courage demonstrated by our Armed Forces have earned universal respect and admiration.

Operation Sindoor also unveiled India's transformation into a global player of significance in manufacturing indigenous, hi-tech defence systems. This remarkable progress is indeed a testament to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to 'Make in India' and build an Atmanirbhar Bharat – a dream that is today becoming a reality with India emerging as an economic, strategic and technological powerhouse.

> **Your Company has always lived by its credo of Nation First: Sab Saath Badhein, that has inspired a commitment to subserve larger national priorities that puts the Country before the Corporation and the Institution ahead of the Individual.**

ITC's world-class Indian brands create, capture and retain larger value in India and generate large-scale livelihoods. Across your Company's businesses, over **90% of value-addition** takes place in the country, enlarging ITC's contribution to the economy. Committed to the 'Make in India' vision, ITC has built **40 state-of-the-art manufacturing assets,** which enrich your Company's robust **ecosystem of 250 dedicated factories and 7,500 MSMEs,** fostering local entrepreneurship. Your Company's deep engagement in agriculture has empowered millions of farmers, aiding a virtuous cycle of rising incomes, consumption, investment and livelihoods. ITC's Life Sciences & Technology Centre (LSTC) is an epicentre of agile science-based innovation that powers the development of your Company's differentiated products. Your Company's impactful social investment initiatives have expanded to over 300 districts across 24 States, helping transform lives and landscapes. ITC's inclusive businesses and value chains today **support nearly 9 million livelihoods,** serving national imperatives.

We live in an era of unprecedented change. Geo-political conflicts, geo-economic fragmentation, elevated uncertainty in trade policies, the accelerated climate crisis, rapidly changing consumer preferences and regulations as well as the societal impact of dynamically evolving areas such as Artificial Intelligence are today raising significant concerns.

> **We are indeed navigating a critical TURN, a pivotal inflection point shaped by Turbulence, Uncertainty and Rapid change that calls for Novel strategies, innovation and solutions to reimagine the future. This underscores the imperative to redefine growth and competitiveness, build resilience and adopt a new paradigm of compassionate capitalism.**

India's Ascent in a Turbulent World

This is truly India's moment, and one that ushers in unparalleled opportunities emerging from visionary policies of the Government, as well as the country's young demography, increasing disposable incomes, rapid urbanisation, accelerated digital adoption and entrepreneurial spirit.

The year gone by has witnessed challenges from a weak external sector, dumping of cheap imports and inflationary pressures leading to softening of demand. However, the future outlook remains promising, on the back of the continued thrust on reforms, strong domestic drivers and macro-economic stability.

As India ascends on the global stage, the opportunities are both vast and transformative. With this promise also comes responsibility. At ITC, we believe that enterprises have a vital role to play — not only by partnering India's growth story, but also by creating larger societal value for stakeholders. It is this north-star that inspires us to build an institution that is resilient and competitive, a force for good and a source of enduring pride for India.

ITC: Key Highlights 2024-25

A significant milestone was achieved with the demerger of the Hotels Business into ITC Hotels Limited. In the 9 months ended 31st December, 2024, the Hotels Business posted its highest ever revenue and operating profits. The demerger is poised to drive new dimensions of growth in the future, pursuing its asset right strategy and sharper business focus aligned with industry-specific market dynamics.

> **The ITC Next strategy envisions the creation of a future-ready portfolio through both organic and inorganic vectors to win today and beyond. In line with this strategy, several value-accretive acquisitions were announced this year.**

ITC Infotech, your Company's wholly owned subsidiary, also **acquired Blazeclan Technologies Pvt Ltd,** a leading cloud consulting firm, to further deepen its multi-cloud capabilities.

A new vector of growth envisioned in the ITC Next strategy is your Company's **Food-Tech Business,** which leverages ITC's strengths in Foods, Hotels and Digital technologies to tap into the fast-growing online food services segment. A delectable range of cuisines is today being offered under 4 brands, **'ITC Master Chef Creations', 'ITC Aashirvaad Soul Creations', 'ITC Sunfeast Baked Creations'** and **'Sansho by ITC Master Chef'**. The full-stack food-tech platform has already scaled up to **60 cloud kitchens across 5 cities.** In addition, your Company's new vectors launched under ITCMAARS and Sustainable Packaging are also making encouraging progress.

Encouraged by the promise of the Indian economy, your Company has invested in **8 world-class manufacturing facilities** in the recent past. As we continue to scale new horizons, ITC plans to invest ₹20,000 crores across businesses in the medium term.

Your Company has embedded sustainability as a bedrock of its corporate strategy and continues to raise the bar in triple bottom line performance. ITC has sustained its distinction of being the only company in the world to be **carbon-positive, water-positive** and **solid-waste recycling positive for nearly 2 decades** now. It continues to be on the Dow Jones Sustainability Emerging Markets Index and has retained the 'AA' rating by MSCI-ESG, as well as the Leadership score for CDP Climate and the 'A' list for CDP water. Today, **renewable sources power 52% of ITC's energy consumption.** Your Company has also been **plastic neutral for 4 years now.**

> **ITC has committed to achieving Net Zero operations by 2050, entailing an even sharper reduction of emissions by over 85% in the next 25 years, despite a growing footprint.**

ITC: Shaping the Future Amidst Global Challenges

> **Enterprises of the future will need to navigate the TURN, that I mentioned earlier. Future readiness is not merely about adapting to change, it is about anticipating, innovating and proactively shaping the future. And this is what the ITC Next Strategy has set out to achieve, redefining the next horizon of growth and competitiveness, creating larger value for stakeholders.**

I would like to highlight 2 key pillars of this strategy, namely, the creation of a future-ready portfolio and the need to build anti-fragile supply chains.

Building a Future-Ready Portfolio

Your Company is building a portfolio across all businesses to win the markets of tomorrow, harnessing its extensive institutional synergies to seize emerging opportunities. **This is powered by a three-horizon strategy that focuses on 1) fortifying the core, 2) addressing value-added adjacencies and 3) nurturing new vectors of growth aligned to emerging trends.**

Strengthening Value Chains from Farm to Fork, Lab to Home

India's consumer market is at the cusp of a profound transformation, with per capita incomes expected to exceed $4,000 by 2030. Gen Z is expected to account for every 2nd rupee spent by 2035. The preferences of Gen Alpha, who are growing up in a hyper-digital, socially conscious and AI-integrated world, are also vying for attention as a distinctive cohort. Segments like health & wellness, nutrition, functional foods, organic and naturals are poised to become megatrends of the future. New generation channels are also transforming the market and accentuating these trends. ITC's diverse enterprise strengths provide strategic competitive levers to capitalise on these evolving trends.

> **It is our firm belief that Indian brands must adorn the global stage and towards that, establish an enduring legacy in Bharat first, before making an impact overseas.**

ITC's FMCG portfolio today accounts for an annual consumer spend of over ₹**34,000 crores**, reaching over **260 million households** in India and gaining encouraging consumer franchise in over **70 international markets.** Over 100 new, differentiated and superior products were launched last year. Even as we strengthen our mega brands, we are also introducing new brands and pursuing **value-accretive acquisitions** to address emerging opportunities and whitespaces.

- As consumers increasingly seek healthier, organic and natural food products, ITC is meticulously building its 'Good-for-You' portfolio with the mission to **'Help India Eat Better'.** This portfolio was earlier augmented with the acquisition of **Yoga Bar** and is now being strengthened with the addition of the popular **24 Mantra Organic** brand, with its impressive array of 100+ products.
- In a first-to-market move, your Company introduced a range of nutrition-dense products under the **'Right Shift'** brand for consumers in the 40+ age group, using clinically proven natural ingredients and proprietary formulations developed at LSTC.
- Today, consumers are also seeking new therapeutic experiences. To address this, your Company launched **'Pranah'**, a range of incense sticks, cones and scented candles, built on the core promise of **'Earth Inspired Aromatherapy'** that harmonises the planet's natural elements with scientific wellness.
- Your Company's exquisite range of frozen food, under the **'ITC Master Chef'** brand, comprises over 80 Indian and Western Snacks, Indian breads, Prawns and Vegetables. We are now fortifying our presence in this category with the acquisition of **Prasuma**, which has developed several first-to-market Pan Asian frozen products spanning over **170 options in 100+ cities.**
- As consumers seek specialised natural solutions, ITC has signed definitive agreements for the acquisition of **Mother Sparsh**, a front-runner in the premium ayurvedic, natural baby care and hygiene space.

Your Company has also sharpened its focus on **premiumisation** as also **value-added adjacencies**. At the core of your Company's strategy to build a future-ready portfolio lies the powerful synergies of its enterprise strengths nurtured assiduously over time.

- A robust **Digital Superstructure** has been established to engage in deep insighting, utilising proprietary algorithms to analyse a multitude of signals and real-time data. **Extensive deployment of AI and GenAI** is reinforcing the ecosystem to uncover dynamically evolving trends, identify unique opportunities and promote hyper-personalised marketing.
- The journey from such consumer insighting to formulating superior and differentiated products that enable speedier time-to-market is being powered by **specialised research platforms** at the ITC-LSTC, which has been recognised as a top innovator in India.
- Leveraging its **deep agricultural expertise**, your Company has empowered farmers to sustainably **'produce the buy'**, facilitating the scalable procurement of high-quality, safe, traceable, and attribute-specific agri commodities.
- ITC's **state-of-the-art manufacturing units** are today hubs of innovation, technology and efficiency.
- Your Company's smart, omni-channel **Trade Marketing & Distribution** highway has evolved into an invaluable enterprise asset serving multiple channels across urban and rural geographies, besides addressing a wide range of value-chains spanning ambient, perishables, cooled and chilled products.

Taken together, these enterprise strengths provide unmatched competitive advantages to build a future-ready portfolio that addresses evolving needs and accelerates performance over time.

Spearheading the Plantations to Paper and Packaging Value-Chain

This sector possesses enormous potential given that India's per capita consumption is only one-fourth of the global average. Moreover, the country is the fastest-growing market in the world for paper and paperboards, with demand growing at 6-7%, requiring industry to create an additional capacity of about 1 million MT per year for the next decade. This will spur economic multipliers, with afforestation creating large-scale employment generation and carbon sequestration. New growth drivers are also emerging as customers increasingly seek solutions that are bio-degradable, substitute single-use plastic and meet stakeholder & regulatory expectations.

ITC is a market leader in **Value-added Paperboards** and derives formidable competitive advantage from its integrated business model. Substantial investments have been made over time to expand capacity 3-fold and strengthen structural competitiveness.

> **The fibre value-chain pioneered by ITC has promoted an afforestation programme that has cumulatively greened over 13 lakh acres, supporting 240 million-person-days of livelihoods, while sequestering 6.4 million tonnes of CO_2 annually contributing to the nation's endeavour to combat climate change.**

In a strategic move aligned to your Company's growth aspirations, ITC has signed an Agreement for the acquisition of the **Century Pulp and Paper** undertaking to scale up its Paperboards business. The proposed acquisition will substantially enhance capacity, and in a more cost-efficient manner. In addition, the acquired plant's locational advantage will provide proximity to key raw materials and enable better servicing of customers.

Your Company's proprietary knowledge and knowhow will contribute to significant cost optimisation and superior customised solutions. Consequently, the acquisition is expected to be EPS-accretive in the first year of operations, whilst driving overall profitability improvement with a targeted increase of 30% to 40% in EBITDA per ton over normalised levels after 2 full years of operation.

In addition to scaling up your Company's core portfolio, **Horizon 2** envisages new vectors of growth through the development of sustainable solutions to substitute single-use plastics. A wide range of recyclable or compostable materials as also offerings with proprietary **patented barrier coatings** have been developed, which are today commercially available under the **'Filo'** and **'Bioseal'** series. Since its launch, this new vector has grown at **2.4x of FY22 levels**.

The **Horizon 3** initiative focuses on complex, engineered high-quality Moulded Fibre Products made from renewable natural raw materials such as wood, bamboo, bagasse and wastepaper. ITC's state-of-the-art facility in Madhya Pradesh has recently commenced operations to manufacture and export these innovative products under the **'Fyba'** brand.

Your Company's core portfolio, together with the new vectors, holds immense promise given the headroom, growing consumer awareness and regulatory requirements.

Anchoring NextGen Agriculture

> **Your Company has spearheaded multi-dimensional interventions to build a future-ready portfolio that also empowers millions of farmers and addresses the urgent need to build climate resilience, a critical need to ensure food and nutrition security. Today, ITC's Agri Business is one of the largest procurers of agri-commodities in the country, supporting over 20 agri value-chains and sourcing over 3.5 million tonnes from 22 States.**

While ITC is scaling up its core agri-commodity segment, comprising high-quality grains, oilseeds as well as its Leaf Tobacco business, a major thrust is being accorded to **Horizon 2** initiatives in developing **value-added agri-products**, including categories like spices, coffee, horticulture and aqua products. In the last 5 years, this portfolio has registered a 2x growth demonstrating immense potential. Your Company's subsidiary, **Technico**, has become the world's largest pre-basic potato seed producer and is also working with 15 leading global breeders to develop climate resilient varieties.

As part of the **Horizon 3** initiatives, your Company is developing future vectors in areas with enormous potential such as biological extracts and ITCMAARS to usher in Next Generation agriculture. Substantive investments have been made to develop an ecosystem for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in a 100-acre farm in Madhya Pradesh. Extensive farmer training to promote such traceable and value-added crops has led to its cultivation in 4,000 acres. While Ashwagandha and Turmeric extracts are being progressively provided to the nutraceutical and cosmetics industry, your Company's ongoing R&D endeavours are aimed at developing proprietary formulations for specialised value-chains.

The **ITCMAARS phygital ecosystem** has evolved, into a dynamic and integrated full stack solution for farmers and also as a robust marketplace. It has been spearheading the crucial need to empower farmers by promoting FPOs as dynamic collectives, enabling their transformation into progressive rural enterprises. ITCMAARS, building further on the physical network of your Company's **e-Choupal**, currently supports over **2,050 FPOs**, encompassing over **22 lakh farmers in 11 States** as well as **100 active partnerships** for specialised solutions.

> **Today, this vibrant platform provides AI-enabled hyper-local, personalised crop advisories, image-led diagnostics, access to credit, high quality inputs including biologicals and drones for nano nutrients, efficient market linkages and the expertise of agri-tech start-ups. ITC is also developing an ecosystem of local entrepreneurs inspired by the 'Drone Didis' model to establish Farming as a Service. It is encouraging that focused interventions have already led to the reduction of fertiliser use as well as increase in crop yields by 15-20%, increasing net returns to farmers by 25-30%.**

ITCMAARS is indeed poised to emerge as a robust business of the future, lending formidable competitive strength to the Company's agri and foods businesses and in shaping new opportunities, whilst significantly empowering farmers.

Building Supply Chain & Climate Resilience

> **Global turbulence has exposed the fragility of traditional supply chains, reinforcing the need to build agile, diversified and localised manufacturing and supply networks, whilst systematically addressing climate challenges.**

ITC has over time invested in creating and nurturing several integrated supply chains in India that are today pillars of resilience and competitiveness, supporting large-scale livelihoods. These value chains from farm to fork, plantations to paper & packaging, together with their distributed manufacturing footprint, promote local entrepreneurship, MSMEs and domestic sourcing with multiple alternatives to provide resilience in an era of intense uncertainty.

> **The largest challenge of the century is the devastating global impact of climate change. While the world has rightly focused on long-term decarbonisation initiatives, the increased severity of extreme weather events makes it imperative that urgent focus is accorded to adaptation.**

Therefore, sharper emphasis is today being accorded to the super critical area of adaptation, that focuses on climate-proofing physical infrastructure, building resilience of agri value-chains and promoting nature-based solutions. Accordingly, a **comprehensive climate-risk modelling exercise** across 140 sites and agri value-chains using AI-enabled tools and site-specific plans have been devised to address the identified decadal risks.

In line with this approach, your Company has spearheaded a large-scale **Climate Smart Agriculture** (CSA) programme to de-risk farming systems from both biotic and abiotic stress. The programme promotes high-yielding, climate-resistant seed varieties, developed by LSTC, along with best-in-class agro-chemical management and micro zone-specific agricultural practices. These practices have led to greater resilience, higher productivity and enhanced farmer incomes.

The CSA programme today spans over **31 lakh acres**, **covers 100 districts** and benefits more than **12 lakh farmers**. Your Company is committed to expanding CSA coverage to over **40 lakh acres by 2030**.

ITC recognises the crucial need to enhance water security in its operations and catchments. Your Company has received the globally acknowledged **AWS Platinum certification** for all its prioritised vulnerable water-stress sites. Going beyond the fence, ITC is actively engaged in the restoration of river basins in our factory catchments to strengthen water security and has already achieved **water positive status in 4 such basins**. ITC is also implementing measures in urban catchments, including Bengaluru and Tiruvottiyur. Recognising the critical role of water in agriculture, your Company has implemented **integrated watershed development** programmes to enhance supply as well as **demand-side interventions** to achieve more crop per drop.

> **Today, the rainwater harvesting initiative has cumulatively covered 18 lakh acres, while the demand-side efforts have enabled an estimated annual savings of 1,400 million KL across 15 crops covering 18 lakh acres in 12 States. These efforts have enabled your Company to create freshwater potential that is today 5 times more than its consumption in operations.**

ITC is deeply committed to **building the long-term resilience of rural communities** through livelihood creation and future-ready capabilities. Towards this, ITC's CSR programmes cover 300 districts and follow a two-horizon approach. **Horizon I** focuses on strengthening current livelihoods and food security through natural resources management and income diversification, while **Horizon II** builds future capabilities through education, skilling, healthcare and women empowerment. These multi-dimensional programmes have reached out to **60 lakh women**, supported the education of nearly **28 lakh children**, trained over **1.2 lakh youth** and facilitated over **7 lakh healthcare engagements**. Over **95 Public-Private-People partnerships** have led to purposeful outcomes.

As I have often expressed, enterprises exist to serve both an economic and social purpose. These meaningful interventions at scale give me the confidence that enterprises can indeed shape a tomorrow which will be much more secure for future generations.

> **I must reiterate my unwavering belief that a company's most enduring asset lies in its inspired talent and powerhouse of diverse people that fuels innovation, drives transformation and anchors resilience in times of change.**

Your Company is indeed privileged to earn the enduring trust and support of its stakeholders including shareholders, consumers, customers, farmers, local communities, partners and many others. On behalf of the Board and myself, I express our deepest gratitude to each one of you for your invaluable partnership in contributing to this exemplary institution of national pride.

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HINDU, NADAR, Divorced, Age 25, B.Tech, PGDCA, Business at Madurai, Well settled family. Ct 8138901189

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As govt. gears up to revive Buddhist history in Rajaghatta, villagers stand divided

Jahnavi T. R.
RAJAGHATTA

An ancient Buddhist engraved stone at Rajaghatta in Doddaballapur taluk. Once the excavation process is completed, the government plans to make it a tourist site. SUDHAKARA JAIN

"During the first excavation, if we found one brick which we felt was historically significant, we gave it to the researchers. We used to get 10 paise for it," a farmer working in a field in Rajaghatta, a village in Doddaballapur taluk, in Bengaluru Rural district, recalled.

Rajaghatta, which was an ancient settlement of Buddhists probably around the fourth and fifth centuries, is getting ready once again for excavation. On July 16, Tourism Minister H.K. Patil, along with the officials of the Department of Archaeology and Museums, inaugurated the excavation programme to find more relics and artefacts from the ancient period.

Boodi gundi

Before it caught the eye of some local researchers as well as M.S. Krishnamurthy, formal principal of University of Mysore, a certain area of Rajaghatta has heaps of ashes, earning it the name of 'Boodi Gundi' (pit of ashes) from the locals. However, between 2001 and 2004, led by Mr. Krishnamurthy, excavators discovered that Rajaghatta was one of South Karnataka's prominent centres of Buddhism during the fourth and fifth centuries.

Mr. Krishnamurthy said that the foundation of a Buddhist Chaityalaya, formed entirely of bricks, rooms of a Vihaara, a small medallion with an engraving of Buddha, several clay tablets, stupas and much more were found during the initial excavation. Many artifacts that were discovered here are now being kept in the museum of the University of Mysore.

Upon the requests of Maha Bodhi Society (MBS), Buddhist Charitable Organization, the State government has once again taken up the excavation with Mr. Krishnamurthy at the helm again. Work is expected to begin post-monsoon.

Villagers divided

Krishnappa, who currently owns the land under which the remnants of the Chaityalaya was found, has agreed to give it for excavation. But not all villagers are onboard as the areas where the ancient structures were found are now agricultural lands.

Rajaghatta Ravi, a resident of the village who is also working with historians, says, "Many villagers are not aware of the history. Many of them found artifacts over the years in their fields and just kept it under wraps as they did not want to give up lands. Some of us believe that when there is such a rich history, dating back almost 2,000 years, we should not let it go. That is why we are pulling all stops to ensure Rajaghatta gets is due."

A little behind Krishnappa's land is another agricultural field where an engraved stone, which is supposed to be from a later period of history (probably of Ganga period) is situated. Parijatha, whose family owns the land, says that there is no way they will give up their land for excavation.

Once the excavation process is completed, the plan is to make Rajaghatta a tourist site and exhibit its ancient Buddhist history to the public. "We would like to convince the villagers to make way for excavation in these lands. If they do not agree, then acquisition is inevitable and we would either have to give them land parcels elsewhere or monetary compensation," Mr. Patil said. "Rajaghatta is so close to Bengaluru and even to the Bengaluru International Airport. We want the public to know how this was a prominent Buddhist centre once," said Gopalakrishna, a member of the MBS.

Dating event at Cubbon Park cancelled after furore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A dating event scheduled at Cubbon Park on Sunday was cancelled after furore from the Walkers' Association and a complaint by the Horticulture Department.

The Cubbon Park police summoned the organiser for questioning, following which he gave an undertaking and later cancelled the show and even pulled down the ad for the event.

Similar event

A similar event was also held in Koramangala which was cancelled after the police intervened.

The Horticulture Department, in its complaint, said that they had not given any permission for such an event and filed a complaint after they saw the advertisement. Senior officials of the department also spoke to the cyber crime ACP and DCP seeking action.

"No commercial activities are allowed in Cubbon Park. As per the rules, no private companies are allowed to conduct any commercial activities in Cubbon Park except for public walking and government departmental programmes. But Book My Show had planned to conduct a Blind Date event through ticket booking from August 2 to 30. Therefore, a case has been registered against Book My Show," said Kusuma G., Deputy Director, Horticulture Department (Cubbon Park), Bengaluru.

Transport Department prepares Plan B as KSRTC strike looms

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The Joint Action Committee of KSRTC has called for the strike demanding wage revision and resolution of long-pending issues. FILE PHOTO

With the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) Employees Union set to launch an indefinite strike from August 5, the Transport Department has initiated a plan to minimise disruption for commuters.

Transport Commissioner A.M. Yogeesh held a meeting with private bus operators on Saturday to explore alternative arrangements.

Officials discussed the possibility of deploying private buses in case the strike severely affects public transportation, especially in urban and semi-urban areas.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, a senior official from the Transport Department said, "As part of our preparedness and Plan B, we are gearing up for any eventuality if the strike goes ahead. On Monday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will be meeting union leaders to address their concerns. However, we are preparing for all scenarios."

The Joint Action Committee (JAC) of KSRTC has called for the strike demanding wage revision and resolution of long-pending issues. The strike, if it proceeds, is expected to impact services across Karnataka. Following the meeting with private operators, the Transport Commissioner also held a virtual conference with all deputy commissioners and senior officials from KSRTC and other transport corporations to assess potential disruptions and mitigation strategies.

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Dharmasthala burials: Advocate accuses SI of coercing complainant into retracting allegations

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MANGALURU

The advocate representing a 50-year-old sanitation worker, who has complained of being forced to bury many bodies in Dharmasthala a decade ago, has accused a sub-inspector in the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of coercing her client into retracting his complaint.

In a mail addressed to the SIT office and a few SIT officers, advocate Ananya Gowda claimed that her client has confided that he was threatened by sub-inspector Manjunath Gowda in the SIT camp office at Belthangady on Friday.

The sub-inspector threatened the complainant about dire consequences that the whistleblower will have to face owing to the complaint filed by him.

Allegations

The police officer said that the complainant will have to spend more time in the prison and that the police will take him in their custody soon, the advocate alleged. After these threats, the advocate alleged that the sub-inspector told the complainant to make a statement on camera to retract and disown his complaint. He was told to implicate unknown persons as responsible for his complaint.

The sub-inspector recorded the statement coerced out of the complainant on his mobile phone, the advocate alleged.

The advocate said they (team of advocates) were shocked over the conduct of sub-inspector Manjunath Gowda. Seeking immediate exclusion or removal of Mr. Gowda from the investigation, the advocate said the step is necessary to allow the complainant to speak freely and without fear during the ongoing investigation.

The SIT is yet to react to the allegation.

Protest in Bengaluru

Meanwhile, Samana Manaskara Vedike, a forum of social activists, held a protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru demanding speedy investigation into all the alleged cases of rape and murder that reportedly occurred at Dharmasthala.

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Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences (ILBS) is an autonomous super-specialty institute of excellence under Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The vision of ILBS is to be a global leader by becoming a beacon of patient care, teaching and research in the field of Liver and Biliary diseases and allied disciplines. The Deemed-to-be-University status was conferred to ILBS by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under section 3 of the UGC Act 1956. The Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences (ILBS) is running National Medical Commission (NMC) recognized super-specialty Post-Doctoral Degree Courses in Hepatobiliary.

The Institute is inviting applications in the following courses in the Allied Sciences for the academic session starting from 01.10.2025, as per the details given below:

S. No.	Name of the Course	Seats	Eligibility	Course Duration	Course Fee	Stipend
1	Certificate Course in Liver Transplant Anaesthesia Technology	02	B.Sc or Diploma in Anaesthesia Technology	01 Years	Rs.33,000/-	Rs.10,000/-per month for the first six months and Rs.15,000/- for remaining duration of. 06 months
2	Laboratory Animal Technician Training & Certification	05	Graduate with Life Science/ Biology	03 Months	Rs.12,000/-	Nil

How to Apply
1. The interested candidates should apply online at the ILBS website (http://www.ilbs.in).
2. The last date to apply for online application for all above courses is 31.08.2025.

Procedure for Admission
Selection of candidates will be made on the basis of entrance test. The Entrance Examination will be conducted at Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences D-1, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The Curriculum & Syllabus and general instructions regarding filling up online forms, are detailed on the website (http://www.ilbs.in).

Examination schedule
- **Written Examination** 13.09.2025 09:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- **Departmental Assessment/ Interview** 13.09.2025 02:30 p.m. onwards
- **Examination Centre / Venue** ILBS, D-1, Vasant Kunj New Delhi

The Academic Session shall commence from **01/10/2025.**

Controller of Examination
Academics, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences

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Defying Age: A 76-Year-Old's Comeback After Complex Knee Surgery

Bangalore – At a time when most people ease into retirement and routine, a 76-year-old man from Bangalore defied expectations. A long-time motorcycle enthusiast, he had spent years on the road exploring the country on his bike. But one unfortunate accident left him unable to walk and raised doubts about whether he would ever ride again.

The accident caused an extremely rare and severe **multi-ligament knee injury**-three of the four main ligaments in his knee were completely torn. This led to total joint instability. Walking, standing, or even basic movement without support became impossible. He was confined to a wheelchair for weeks, struggling with the emotional impact of sudden immobility.

Such injuries are uncommon at any age, but even more so in the elderly. Due to naturally weaker tissues, slower healing, and the possibility of complications, many doctors often recommend conservative management for seniors. In this case, however, a more active route was chosen-a decision that would redefine what recovery can look like in later years.

Dr. Raghu Nagaraj
Director – Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, Arthomed Clinic

Understanding the Injury and Surgical Path

A **multi-ligament knee injury** is significantly more complex than a typical ACL or meniscus tear. It can occur in high-impact trauma, such as bike or car accidents, and usually affects young athletes. That's why treating such an injury in someone aged 76 required careful consideration and a personalized approach.

The patient underwent a **minimally invasive arthroscopic multi-ligament reconstruction**. Using grafts harvested from different parts of his body-including the knee, ankle, and lower leg-the torn ligaments were carefully reconstructed. The advantage of arthroscopy is that it involves smaller incisions, less tissue damage, and a faster healing curve compared to traditional open surgery.

"This was one of the most complex surgeries we have performed. Given the patient's age and the severity of the injury, success was uncertain. But his determination made all the difference," said **Dr. Raghu Nagaraj**, Director – Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, Arthomed Clinic.

The surgery itself was only part of the solution. The real transformation happened afterward-through rehabilitation.

The Role of Physiotherapy in Recovery

After surgery, the focus shifted entirely to **post-operative rehabilitation**, which played a vital role in restoring strength, mobility, and confidence. For the first few weeks, physiotherapy was gentle and focused on reducing stiffness, managing pain, and regaining flexibility through **range-of-motion (ROM) exercises**.

As healing progressed, therapy sessions intensified. The focus moved to:
- **Strengthening exercises** for thigh and calf muscles
- **Balance training** to avoid falls
- **Gradual weight-bearing** to improve joint tolerance
- **Functional training** to return to regular movements like climbing stairs, getting in/out of a vehicle, etc.

Elderly patients often face slower progress in recovery due to age-related changes in muscle mass and joint flexibility. However, with regular physiotherapy, a disciplined schedule, and proper home support, recovery was steady and meaningful.

By the **third month**, he was walking independently without the need for external support. By the **fourth month**, in what many considered a surprising but inspiring milestone, he was back on his motorcycle.

Why This Case Matters

This case breaks common myths about aging and mobility. Many older individuals-and even their families-assume that after a certain age, surgery or active recovery is not worth attempting. But the truth is, with **advanced surgical techniques** and a **well-designed therapy plan**, elderly patients can experience significant improvement in quality of life.

It also highlights the importance of **personalized care**. Every patient's recovery journey is different. What worked in this case was not just the surgical skill but also the attention given to the patient's lifestyle goals and rehabilitation potential.

More importantly, it serves as an important reminder: **recovery doesn't end in the operation theatre-it begins there**. The hard work continues through weeks of therapy, often requiring both physical effort and mental resilience.

In this case, the combination of **minimally invasive surgery, structured physiotherapy,** and **patient motivation** led to a full return to mobility. With improved medical techniques, better rehabilitation tools, and growing awareness, age-appropriate therapy is now more accessible and successful than ever before.

Conclusion

This inspiring journey-from a wheelchair to walking, and ultimately, riding again-proves that age is not a limitation when it comes to healing. With the right care, recovery is not only possible-it can be life-changing.

Disclaimer: "This initiative is undertaken in the public interest, and for patient education. The information constitutes solely the views of the Doctor. The information should not be substituted for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. For more information, kindly contact your doctor."

UGCET, NEET: KEA announces separate schedule for admissions

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) announced the final seat allotment results for professional courses (undergraduate), including medical and engineering on Saturday. The admission process has commenced.

For the first time, a separate admission schedule has been announced for each course.

For engineering courses, the choice entry process began on Saturday. Candidates who select Choice-1 can pay the fees and download the admission order between August 2 and August 8.

For agricultural science, veterinary science, BPharm, and Pharm-D courses, choice entry is allowed from August 4.

Candidates who select Choice-1 must pay the fees between August 4 and 8.

Candidates opting for Yoga and Naturopathy, BPT, BPO, Allied Health Sciences, and Architecture courses can enter their choices from August 5. Those who select Choice-1 must pay the fees by August 11. For BSc Nursing, candidates can begin their choice entry from August 6. Those who select Choice-1 must pay the fees by August 11.

Candidates allotted seats in Medical, Dental, and Homeopathy courses can enter their choices from August 7.

They must pay the fees by August 11. The MCC (Medical Counseling Committee) seat allotment results will be announced on August 6, after which the State-level admission process will begin.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
e-mail:- serw_ctc@yahoo.com
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, CUTTACK

No:-Tender Online RWC -13/2025, Letter No.:- 2625 Date : 26.07.2025

e - Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the Work : Construction of Road, Bridge & Building works.
2. Class of Contractor
   c) Estimated cost more than Rs.6.00 Crore & upto Rs.50.00 Crore : Special Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
   d) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crore & upto Rs.20.00 Crore : A Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
   c) Estimated cost more than Rs.20.00 Lakh & upto Rs.3.00 Crore : B Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
3. Time for Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	1	2
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.	Tender Online RWC - 13/25	04.08.2025 at 11.30 A.M.	25.08.2025 up to 05.00 P.M	25.08.2025 up to 02.00 P.M	26.08.2025 at 11.30 A.M	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** .
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.
O-511: OIPR-25097/11/0025/2526

Government of Karnataka.
(PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPTARTMENT)
Office of the Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division Bidar.

No: EE/PRED/BDR/TS-3/2025-26/**857** Date: **30.07.2025**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers, for 02 works approved under various schemes as per KW-02, & 04 in One & Two Cover System. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum **Rs. 42,17,988.98** (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Eight and paise ninety eight only) & Maximum **Rs.125,72,903.00** (Rupees One Hundred Twenty Seven Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Three only) Tender documents may be downloaded from the **KPPP portal** of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Tenders must be submitted through KPPP portal on **31.07.2025 to or before 16.00 hours up to 14.08.2025 Technical Bid will be opened on 16.08.2025 & Financial Bid will be opened on 20.08.2025 respectively.** Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned.

DIPR/Bidar/117/KSMC&A/2025-26
Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.R.E.Division Bidar.

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-2, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052. Email:bswmlee4@gmail.com

No.: DGM-2/BSWML/Tend/18/25-26 Date:02.08.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER(IFT)
(Through GOK KPPP only)

1. **The Deputy General Manager-2,** Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The Bidders may submit tenders for works given in the table through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz. **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**) The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract.
2. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka.
3. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs) Excluding GST	EMD (Amount in Rs)	Contract completion period
1	Establishment of Scientific Landfill to Manage the Daily Generated Municipal Solid Waste in Bangalore City at Kannuru Sy.No 50 Pit 1.	942.30	**Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.14,00,000/-** by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank.	3 Months
2	Establishment of Scientific Landfill to Manage the Daily Generated Municipal Solid Waste in Bangalore City at Kannuru Sy.No 50 Pit 2 Including Operation & Management of MSW.	941.57	**Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.14,00,000/-** by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank.	3 Months
3	Establishment of Scientific Landfill to Manage the Daily Generated Municipal Solid Waste in Bangalore city and Disposal at Kannuru Sy.No 50 Pit 3 Including Operation & Management of MSW.	941.22	**Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.14,00,000/-** by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank	3 Months
4	Establishment of Scientific Landfill to Manage the Daily Generated Municipal Solid Waste in Bangalore City at Kannuru Sy.No 50 Pit 4 Including Operation & Management of MSW.	937.98	**Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.14,00,000/-** by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank	3 Months
5	Establishment and Development of new landfill site in available quarry pit at kadagrahara quarry sites.	5411.10	**Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.53,11,100/-** by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank.	12 Months
6	Establishment of Scientific Landfill to Manage the Daily Generated Municipal Solid Waste in Bangalore Metropolitan City at Kannuru Sy.no 50 Pit 4 Hosur Bande side including Operation & Management of MSW.	940.33	**Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.14,00,000/-** by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank.	3 Months
7	Construction of Earthen Bund For Restricting of Leachate to Entry Lakes and Near by water resources in Mahadevapura constituency.	797.16	**Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.14,00,000/-** by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank.	6 Months
8	Operation and Maintenance of Landfill Sites.	9431.19	**Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.93,31,200/-** by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank.	12 Months

1. Pre bid meeting will be held on **11.08.2025 at 15:00 hours** in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road,Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560052.
2. Technical Documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the KPPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** as per tender document **on or before 16:00 hours on 21.08.2025** and First Folder containing the Technical bid will be opened through e-portal only on **22.08.2025 after 16:30 hours** at the stipulated venue, in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
3. The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderers responsibility to verify the KPP portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. KPP portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/22373788. The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of KPP portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches.
4. Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPP portal only.

DIPR/CP/2173/2025-26
Sd/-
Deputy General Manager -2, BSWML

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client has negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property (more fully described below) from its owner "Seshadri Ratnam H.U.F." represented by its Kartha Sri. Pradeep Ratnam **(Kartha)** S/o. Late. Seshadri Ratnam, Residing No. B 1/11, Third Floor, Hauz Khas Market, Hauz Khas, South Delhi, Delhi- 110016. All persons having any claims against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office **within 15 days from the date of publication hereof,** failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing the residential Property bearing **Site No. 164,** now assigned **BBMP PID No. 5249873316,** situated at Koramangala 1st Block Extension, Bangalore – 560 034, presently under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), together with the two-storeyed residential building consisting of a basement measuring 335 sq. ft., ground floor measuring 1,880 sq. ft., and first floor measuring 1,190 sq. ft., totally measuring 3,600 sq. ft. (approximately 334.45 sq. metres), and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 163 measuring on that 72 feet;
West by : Site No. 165 measuring on that 72 feet
North by: Site No. 173 measuring on that 50 feet
South by: Road, measuring on that 50 feet.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2025 at Bangalore

M/S. LEGAL NEXUS,
ADVOCATES & CONSULTANTS,
th th No. 428, First Floor, 25 Cross, 24 Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bangalore – 560 102,
Phone: 080-65555914, Mobile: 9945688974; 9980669393, 6362102374

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, MR. A. PRAKASH, S/o Sri. A. Lokanadha Naidu, Aged about 25 years, Residing at No.738, "Jayarama Nilaya", Ground Floor, Opposite Maheshwaramma Temple, 5th Cross, Konanakunte, Bangalore – 560 062.is the absolute owner of the property described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is hereby brought to the notice of the general public that the original Sale Deed dated 12.08.1996, registered as Document No. 3751/1996-1997, and the Sale Deed dated 18.06.2009, registered as Document No. 467/2009-2010, have been lost/misplaced and are not traceable despite the best efforts of our client. Accordingly, our client has lodged police complaints dated 01.08.2025, vide Lost Report Nos. 1732291/2025 and 1732268/2025.

Any person who has any claim, objection, or information regarding the aforesaid documents is hereby requested to contact the undersigned or our client **within fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objections are received within the stipulated period, our client will proceed to obtain certified copies of the said documents and take further steps in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Plot No.70, Khata No.477, measuring 1200 square feet, formed in the layout known as 'VGP ARJUN TOWN', carved out of converted land bearing Sy.Nos.57 and 59/2 measuring 3 Acres 21 Guntas and 1 Acre 36 Guntas, respectively, converted from agricultural to nonagricultural residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing Nos. B.DIS. ALN. SR(A)136/82-83 and ALN.SR(A)56/ 82-83, both dated 18-7-1982 of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and Conversion Sanction Certificates bearing No.ALN.SR15/82-83 and 16/82-83, both dated 28-7-1982 of the Tahsildar, Anekal Taluk, Anekal, situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, now included within the limits of the B.B.M.P and bounded on the:

East by: Plot No.71, **West by:** Plot No.69
North by: 30 Feet Road, **South by:** Plot No.77

Dated this 3rd day of August 2025 at Bangalore

M/S. LEGAL NEXUS,
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IN THE COURT OF THE X ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-26)
P & SC. No. 375 of 2025

BETWEEN: 1) Mahesh Thampi S/o Somnatha Laxman, aged about 63 years, Residing at No. 262, Jade Garden, Sadahalli, Phase II Annexe, Near Club Cabana, Bangalore-562110.
2) Vijayalakshmi Rajgopal, Widow of late Mr. R.M. Rajgopal,. aged about 65 years, Residing at No. 1, SBI Colony, 7th B Main, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034.
3) Arjun Rajgopal, Son of late Mr. R.M. Rajgopal, aged about 43 years, Residing at A-063, Alpha Block, 6th Floor, Bearys lakeside Habitat, Sy. No.18, Off Bellary Road, Shantivana, Kodigehalli, Bangalore-560092.
4) Uttara Rajgopal, Daughter of late Mr. R.M. Rajgopal, aged about 38 years, Residing at No.6, Parkridge Way, Henderson, Auckland, New Zealand-0612.
...PETITIONERS
AND: -NIL- ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners above named have made an application under Sec. 217, 222, 227, 276 & Chapter IV of Indian Succession Act, 1925 read with Rule 5 of Rules Governing Probate and Succession Matters (Relating to Subordinate Courts) 1966 for grant of probate with respect to the Last will & Testament dated 07.08.2005 executed by late Mr. R.M. Rajgopal, who died in Bangalore on 19.03.2025. The 1st Petitioner is the executor. Be it known that no caveat has been lodged and the aforesaid petition is posted for hearing on **22.08.2025 at 11 A.M.** Any person/s having objections to the grant of Probate may appear on the given date and raise their objections failing which the matter will proceed in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

Immovable Properties:
a) House No. 1, SBI Colony, 7th B Main, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034, Karnataka, India.
b) Plot at L-102, Jade Garden, Annex Phase II, Sadahalli, Near Club Cabana, Bangalore-562110, Karnataka, India.
Movable Properties:
a) All Cash in Bank Accounts in the name of the Testator.
b) All investments in stocks, mutual funds in the name of Testator.
c) All vehicles, furniture, effects owned by the Testator.
Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 29.07.2025.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Petitioners.
R & A Partners
No.105, First Floor, Barton Centre, 84, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560001.

ಕರಾಸಕೈಅನಿನಿ **ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸಣ್ಣ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ** (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಕಛೇರಿ : ಆಡಳಿತ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ವಸಾಹತು, ರಾಜಾಜಿನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು –560 010. ಫೋನ್: 080–23407011–25
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್:kssidcho@karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ : www.kssidc.co.in
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಮನ್ವಯ:ಮಳಿಗೆ:ನಿವೇಶನ:ಹಂಚಿಕೆ:ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ:2025 ದಿನಾಂಕ 31.07.2025

ನಿಗಮದ ವಿವಿಧ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ವಸಾಹತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಮಳಿಗೆ/ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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1) ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಮನ್ವಯ:ಬೆಂ.ವಿ:ಮಳಿಗೆ:ನಿವೇಶನ:ಹಂಚಿಕೆ:ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:2025/01 ದಿನಾಂಕ 23.06.2025
2) ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಮನ್ವಯ:ತು.ವಿ:ಮಳಿಗೆ:ನಿವೇಶನ:ಹಂಚಿಕೆ:ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:2025/02 ದಿನಾಂಕ 23.06.2025
3) ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಮನ್ವಯ:ಶಿ.ವಿ:ಮಳಿಗೆ:ನಿವೇಶನ:ಹಂಚಿಕೆ:ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:2025/03 ದಿನಾಂಕ 23.06.2025
4) ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಮನ್ವಯ:ಹು.ವಿ:ಮಳಿಗೆ:ನಿವೇಶನ:ಹಂಚಿಕೆ:ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:2025/04 ದಿನಾಂಕ 23.06.2025
5) ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಮನ್ವಯ:ಬೆ.ವಿ:ಮಳಿಗೆ:ನಿವೇಶನ:ಹಂಚಿಕೆ:ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:2025/05 ದಿನಾಂಕ 23.06.2025
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ಸಹಿ/–ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (QA/QC-East),
Room No-101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP N.R. Square,
Bengaluru - 560 002

No: EE(QA/QC)/East/TEND/10/2025-26 Date:02.08.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)
(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Quality Assurance/Quality Control division invites Request for Proposal from interested persons/firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality control (PMC) for the below works through KPPportal by the Executive Engineer QA/QC-East BBMP.

Sl No.	Name of the work
1.	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Providing and installation of Machineries for Dhobhi Ghat, Lazar Road, M.S. Nagar, Sarvajnanagara Constituency. **Estimate Cost of Main Work: ₹.200.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.4,200.00**
2	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at 5th Block, 38th Cross & 7th Cross Prakruthi Layout and surrounding area in Ward No-76/24 Hennuru. **Estimate Cost of Main Work: ₹.200.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.4,100.00**
3	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at 4th Block Maruthi Layout and Surrounding area in Ward No-76/24 Hennuru. **Estimate Cost of Main Work: ₹.200.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.4,100.00**
4	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at 3rd Block of HBR Layout near Resident welfare association building and surrounding area in Ward No-76/24 Hennuru. **Estimate Cost of Main Work: ₹.200.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.4,100.00**
5	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at Nanjappa Colony, Umar Nagar and Mehaboob Nagar and Surrounding area in Ward No-76/24 Hennuru. **Estimate Cost of Main Work: ₹.200.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.4,100.00**
6	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at 1st Stage, 5th Block, 3rd Main, 1st Cross Forest Road and Surrounding area in Ward No-76/24 Hennuru. **Estimate Cost of Main Work: ₹.200.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.4,100.00**
7	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Comprehensive development of Roads, Drains & Asphalting works at Modi Garden & Surrounding area in Ward No-72 D.J. Halli Murugesh Modaliar Road, Muneshwara Temple Street, Moore Road Cross roads in Ward No-75, Pulikeshinagara, ITI Layout & Surrounding area in Ward No-73, S.K. Garden. **Estimate Cost of Main Work: ₹.500.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.12,500.00**
8	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Comprehensive development of Roads, Drains & Asphalting works at 1st Cross, 2nd Cross, 5th A Cross, Athmananda Colony, M.M. Layout 2nd, 3rd, 4th Cross & Surrounding area, Rankanagara 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Road & surrounding area, Kaverinagara 4th Main road 2nd 3rd, 4th & 5th Cross Roads, Sakamma Haumanthappa Layout, Muninagappa Layout in Ward No-69, Kavalbyrasandra. **Estimate Cost of Main Work: ₹.400.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.10,000.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal GOK from **06.08.2025.** (2) Pre-Bid Meeting on **11.08.2025** at **11:30** am. (3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders is **16.08.2025** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Opening of Technical Bid is **18.08.2025** at **10:30** am.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
(QA/QC-East)

Government of India
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru)
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

RC/181/2023 IN O.A No. 417/2019

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D. Dasti Failing which by Publication

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

CORPORATION BANK
Versus
S. PRAKASH & ANOTHER

To,
(CH) UNION BANK OF INDIA
Chakkere Branch, Channapatna Tq.
Ramanagara Dist. Bangalore Rural ... Certificate Holder
V/s
(CD 1) S Prakash S
S/o Late Subbegowda, Chakkere Village, Chakkere Post, Channapatna, Ramanagar Dist.-562162
(CD 2) Bhavya
W/o C S Prasannakumar, Chakkere Village, Chakkere Post, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagar Dist. - 562162
... Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in **OA/417/2019** an amount of **Rs 1416279 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Sixteen Thousands Two Hundred Seventy Nine Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 14.60% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **14-03-2019** till realization and costs of **Rs. 17305 (Rupees Seventeen Thousands Three Hundred Five Only)** has become due Against you (jointly and severally).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from this notice for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **Date 02-12-2023**

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under : "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter or any debt, divided or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.
3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 Years.
You are directed that the payment made, if any, by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the Certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the payment position regularly.
The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the verification of the Recovery Officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars where from the recovery of the debts in to be made.

Sd/- Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT 2)

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ASC CENTRE & COLLEGE, AGRAM – POST, BANGALORE-560007
Phone: 080 25550677
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TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations are invited for modification, construction of tree guard plinth with sadharalli at **Army Public School ASC Centre & College (APS ASC C&C)**. Tender Enquiry/Form (also uploaded on website www.apsasc.edu.in (procurement) for reference) can be collected from school office after payment of Rs.250/- (Demand Draft in favour of APS ASC C&C) from 02 Aug 2025 to 11 Aug 2025 (1000hrs to 1300hrs). Last date and time to submit filled tender form is 11 Aug 2025 at 1130 hrs.

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Tip-off from minor daughter reveals mother's involvement in father's murder

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The death of a 46-year-old labourer in Kadugodi reported on June 26 took a shocking turn after his minor daughter allegedly confided in her uncle about suspicious circumstances surrounding her father's demise.

Her tip-off prompted a police investigation that ultimately led to the cracking of a murder case which was initially dismissed as a natural death.

Complaint filed

Based on the complaint filed by Raghavendra, brother of the deceased, the Kadugodi police detained Muniratna, 40, wife of the deceased Babu, and her cousin, Ramamurthy, 28, who after detailed questioning allegedly confessed to the crime.

According to the police, Babu, a native of Malur was staying in Vajarahalli at a rented accommodation with his wife and two minor daughters.

The couple were daily wage labourers and Babu was allegedly addicted to alcohol, and used to harass his wife regularly .

Unable to bear his harassment, Muniratna allegedly decided to get ride of him and sought the help of her cousin, Ramamurthy.

Killed on spot

As per the plan, on July 26, when Babu came home drunk as usual and started harassing Muniratna, she along with Ramamurthy allegedly attacked him with a machete and rolling pin, killing him on the spot. They later cooked up a story that Babu died due to an accident in an inebriated state and took his body in an ambulance to their home town and cremated him.

Meanwhile, the younger daughter allegedly narrated the incident on how the duo attacked Babu and killed him to Raghavendra, Babu's brother.

The duo has been arrested on the charges of murder and the weapons used to kill the accused have been recovered, said the police.

The police have sent the elder daughter of the couple to the State home for girls for counselling , while the statement of the younger daughter has been recorded for further investigation.

Mental health awareness event

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Continuing its 'Community Connect' series, NIMHANS will host the second talk titled "Disconnect to Reconnect: Finding Balance in a Digital World," an initiative focused on mental health awareness through community-centred dialogue at Lalbagh Botanical garden on August 23. To be held in collaboration with the State Department of Horticulture, the event will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Creation of fake social media account: Case booked

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central division cybercrime police on Thursday registered a case against an unknown person for creating a fake social media account in the name of the Governor of Karnataka Thaawarchand Gehlot.

Booked under IT Act

Based on the complaint filed by R. Prabhu Shankar, Special Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan, the police charged the accused under Section 66 C (identity theft using electronic means) under IT Act for further investigation.

In the name of Governor

According to the complaint, the accused created the Facebook account in the name of the Governor using his picture and sent messages to the general public.

The police are now trying to track down the person and ascertain the reason behind his act.

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, AUG. 03	
RISE 06:06	SET 18:46
RISE 13:48	SET 00:33
MONDAY, AUG. 04	
RISE 06:06	SET 18:45
RISE 14:41	SET 01:19
TUESDAY, AUG. 05	
RISE 06:06	SET 18:45
RISE 15:36	SET 02:08

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	24
Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	28	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Short spell of light rain and thundershower may occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be comfortable. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our clients, **Mr.Satyarth Shanker Pandey and Mrs.Neha Bhardwaj** intends to purchase Residential Apartment bearing No.2A-504, with a super built-up area of 1385 Square Feet, on the Fifth Floor, together with right to use Single Car Park space in the Basement together with all common areas attributed thereto in the Multistoried Residential Apartment Building known as **'AKME ENCORE'** in the land bearing **Sy.No.19/1, 134/2(P), 16/2(P)** carved out of the larger property being converted residential lands bearing **Sy.No.16/2, 19/1 and 134/2,** situated at **Kundalahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East (previously South) Taluk, Bangalore,** and bounded on:

East : **Property bearing Survey Nos.19/2 and 9 (P);**
West : **Property bearing Survey No.16/1, 134/1 and Kundalahalli Main Road;**
North : **Property bearing Survey No's.16/1, 134/1 and 18;**
South : **Property bearing Survey No's.14 and 9.**

from its owner **Mr.Pradeep Kumar,** son of Mr.Birendra Prasad. Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **7 days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

K. V. Narendra & Associates,
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Session 1 - 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Fireside Chat: Vision for Tamil Nadu's Real Estate Growth
Arun M N, Founder, Chairman and Managing Director, Casagrand
Moderated by **Rosella Stephen R**, Senior Associate Editor, The Hindu

Session 2 - 11:05 AM - 12:05 PM
Tamil Nadu @ $1 Trillion: Role of Real Estate in Urban Transformation
W S Habib, President, CREDAI Tamil Nadu
Jerry Kingsley, Head of Value & Risk Advisory in India & City Capital Markets, Chennai JLL
Julian Francis, Senior Vice President - Asset Management, Chennai, and Head of Industrial & Logistics (I&L) at RMZ
Sripriya Ganesan, Co-founder of Studio Neon Attic
C G Sathish, Deputy Managing Director, Casagrand
Moderated by **Kunal Shankar,** Deputy Business Editor, The Hindu

Session 3 - 12:10 PM - 13:10 PM
Policy to Prosperity: RERA, Ease of Doing Business & Regulatory Outlook
Sanjay Chugh, City Head & Director ANAROCK Property Consultants Pvt Ltd, Chennai
Sridharan Swaminathan, Chairman, Sabari & LYRA Properties Pvt ltd, Executive Committee Member, CREDAI National Delhi
Jayaprakash Padmanaban, Senior Partner, Fox Mandal & Associates
Moderated by **Kunal Shankar,** Deputy Business Editor, The Hindu

Session 4 - 14:20 PM - 15:20 PM
Affordable Housing: Bridging the Urban Housing Gap
A Srivathsan, Professor, Head of the Centre for Research on Architecture and Urbanism at CEPT University
Vaneesa Peter, Founder, Information and Resource Centre for the Deprived Urban Communities (IRCDUC)
R V Shekar, Chairman, Managing Director Lancor Group
P Suresh, Managing Director, Arun Excello Group
Moderated by **R Sujatha,** Former Deputy editor, The Hindu

Session 5 - 15:25 PM - 16:40 PM
Green is Gold: Sustainable Construction & Energy-Efficient Buildings
Dr. C Velan, CEO, CEEBROS Group
Sumitra Vasudevan, Associate Partner, APRObuild
Ajit Kumar Chordia, Managing Director Olympia Group, India
Nataraj S, Senior Assistant Vice President, Swelect
Moderated by **Geetha Srimathi S,** Senior Reporter, The Hindu

Session 6 - 16:45 PM - 17:15 PM
Fireside Chat: Building Champions, Building Cities: The Role of Sports Infrastructure in Tamil Nadu's Growth
J Meghanatha Reddy, IAS, Member Secretary & CEO, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)
Moderated by **K. C. Vijaya Kumar,** Sports Editor, The Hindu

Session 7 - 17:20 PM - 18:20 PM
Tier II & III Cities: The Next Real Estate Frontier
V S Sridhar, Executive Managing Director at Cushman & Wakefield Chennai
A Shankar, India Head - Government Advisory & Solutions, JLL India
Moderated by **Sangeetha Kandavel,** Senior Assistant Editor, The Hindu

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FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPTT. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BENGALURU
4th Floor, BSNL Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road Bengaluru-560001.

TRC NO: 1241/2018

Indian Overseas Bank, Bilekahalli Branch, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru-560076. ...Certificate Holder Bank

Versus

Mr. R.Keshavamurthy ...Certified Debtor/Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. **Mr. R.Keshavamurthy, S/o Rangegowda,** R/a No.74, 3rd Cross, Near Cotton Tree, Vinayaka Nagar, Bangalgunte, Bengaluru-560073. **...Certified Debtor/Defendants**

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.1417/2016** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on dtd. 02-03-2018 an amount of **Rs.30,26,371.80 (Rupees Thirty Lakh(s) Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy One and Paise Eighty Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days from the date of publishing notice failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **7th day of Dec 2019**.

Sd/- Recovery Officer,
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bangalore.

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the **Debts Recovery Officer,** nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD
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APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6) / 9(1)]* (*Retain whichever is applicable)

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) / 9(1)]*(*Retain whichever is applicable) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical/Constructive** (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, **New Horizon College Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **20.08.2025** for recovery of Rs. **Rs. 72,62,362/- (Rupees Seventy two lakh sixty two thousand three hundred sixty two only** (as on 02.08.2025) due to the Indian Bank, **New Horizon College Branch**, Secured Creditor, from Mr. / Ms / M/s Mrs **1) Mr. Akshay S Vajpey, S/o. V. Sreenivasan, 2) Mr. V Sreenivasan S/o Venkatamurty, Both residing at No. 1, Srinivasa Nilaya, Narayanappa Street, Oil Mill Road, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore-560084** (Name and address of the borrower/guarantor).

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

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All the Piece and parcel of southern portion of property bearing Khata No. 75/1 situated at Bilishivale Village, Bidrahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk presently coming under BBMP, Bengaluru limit measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1500 Sq. Feet and bounded on: **East by:** Road; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Property of Manjunatha; **South by:** Private Property.

Encumbrances on property, if any	**Nil**
Reserve Price	**Rs. 40,20,000/-**
EMD Amount	**Rs. 4,20,000/-**
Bid incremental amount	**Rs. 10,000/-**
Date and time of e-auction	**Dt. 20.08.2025 from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm**
Property ID No.	**IB6524053216**

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**https://baanknet.com**) of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance, please call 8291220220. For Registration status and EMD status, please email to **support.baanknet@psballiance.com.** For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions, please visit: **https://baanknet.com** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd, Contact No. 8291220220.

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Date: BANGALORE, Place: 02.08.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD
BANGALORE CANTONMENT BRANCH
35, Lady Curzon Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 001.

APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6) / 9(1)]* (*Retain whichever is applicable)

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Schedule A Property: Bearing Site New Municipal No. 43, PID No.55-56-43, (old Site No.05, Khatha No. 540/42/3, old Muncipal No. 352/2/753/1), Situated at 3rd cross (old 1st Cross Road), 1st main, Muneshwara Nagara, Kadirenehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently comes in the limits of Bruhat Bangalore mahanagara palike, together with house building thereon and bounded on the: **East:** by Munivenkatappa's property, **West:** by 20 ft Road, **North:** by Raj Kaluve, **South:** by Shyamann's Property

Encumbrances on property, if any	**Nil**
Reserve Price	**Rs 63,00,000/-**
EMD Amount	**Rs 6,30,000/-**
Bid incremental amount	**Rs 10,000/-**
Date and time of e-auction	**Dt 20.08.2025 from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm**
Property ID No.	**IDIB6214399123**

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We will register cases if survivors come forward even now: SIT chief

'We hope the verdict, awarding maximum punishment to the accused in one year and four months after the case was registered, will give some solace to those who did not file a complaint'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

B.K. Singh, chief of the Special Investigation Team, addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) is willing to file more cases if other survivors of sexual abuse and rape come forward, taking courage from the judgment in the first case against former MP for Hassan Prajwal Revanna, said SIT chief B.K. Singh.

Mr. Singh, Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP), Criminal Investigation Department (CID), addressing a press conference following the sentencing of Prajwal for rape on Saturday, said there were many survivors who did not lodge a complaint.

"We hope the verdict in the case, awarding maximum punishment to the accused in one year and four months after the case was registered, will give some solace to all the survivors who did not step forward and file a complaint. If these survivors lodge complaints even now, we will book cases," Mr. Singh said.

There were over 2,900 explicit clips of nearly 100 women in the cache of clips allegedly recorded by Prajwal, leaked on April 22, 2024. Of them, only four women lodged complaints leading to four cases – three of rape and one sexual harassment.

Mr. Singh said the victim in the case was from the lowest strata of society, socially and economically, while the accused was from the most powerful political family of the State. "Ensuring justice is delivered in such a case in a short time, without the accused getting bail at all, has given us satisfaction," he said.

Apart from the victim "without whom this was not possible", he credited his team of investigating officer police inspector Shobha N., supervising officer Suman D. Pennekar and other officers of the SIT, prosecutors Ashok Nayak and B. N. Jagadeesha for the success. "Barring a few, including me, the SIT was mostly led by women officers," he said.

Challenging probe

Mr. Singh said the investigation was challenging as both instances of the crime happened in 2021 and the case registered only in 2024. "There were challenges owing to this delay. However, we collected biological, technical, digital, mobile and scientific evidence," he said.

Forensic reports had confirmed that the man in the video, though his face was not visible, was indeed Prajwal. The victim had left her clothes in a wardrobe and analysis of them found DNA of Prajwal.

Responding to questions, Mr. Singh said he was under no pressure from any quarter during the investigation. Ms. Pennekar said that she was the supervising officer and there was no pressure either way.

Mr. Singh said that the investigation into who leaked the explicit clips was completed and the chargesheet was being finalised. "In this case, we have seized over 100 computers, mobile phones, pen drives, and hard disks. Forensic analysis reports took time. Now all reports have come and the chargesheet is being finalised. We will file it in the next two weeks," he said.

'Victim stood solid like a rock'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Special Investigation Team (SIT) chief B.K. Singh said the victim in the case – a former help at the H.D. Revanna's family farmhouse in Hassan – "stood like a rock" through the trial, was poised through several days of cross examination, and fought for justice.

"The victim was even abducted to prevent her from testifying. But once she lodged the complaint with us, she stood like a rock through the trial. In her unflinching fight for justice, she has ensured justice for other survivors who did not come forward and complain. We appreciate her courage and conviction in the fight for justice. Without her this case wouldn't have come this far," Mr. Singh said.

Responding to a question over Prajwal Revanna's allegations in the court on Saturday that the victim was "forced to complain", Mr. Singh said the victim was cross examined by defence lawyers for multiple days for eight hours daily at a stretch and the entire proceedings was on camera with no police officers.

The victim, if she was forced, could have said so during her deposition in the court.

Crime and punishment

Section of Indian Penal Code	Offence	Punishment imposed on Prajwal Revanna	
376(2) (k)	Being in a position of control or dominance over a woman, commits rape on such woman	Imprisonment for life	₹5 lakh
376(2) (n)	Repeated rape on the same woman	Imprisonment for life which shall mean remainder of natural life	₹5 lakh
354(A)	Sexual harassment	Rigorous imprisonment for three years	₹25,000
354(B)	Assault or use of criminal force on woman with intent to disrobe	Rigorous imprisonment for seven years	₹50,000
354(C)	Voyeurism	Rigorous imprisonment for three years	₹25,000
506	Criminal intimidation	Rigorous imprisonment for two years	₹10,000
201	Causing disappearance of evidence of an offence	Rigorous imprisonment for three years	₹25,000
66E*	Violation of privacy	Rigorous imprisonment for three years	₹25,000
Total fines			₹11.6 lakh

*Information Technology Act, 2000

Case and victim	Chargesheet details	Present stage	Accused details
Rape of 48-year-old former help at Revanna family's farmhouse	Chargesheet filed on September 9, 2024 1,810 pages, 121 witnesses	Judgment	Prajwal Revanna
Rape of former zilla panchayat member in Hassan	Chargesheet filed on September 13, 2024 1,690 pages, 126 witnesses	Trial has commenced	Prajwal Revanna
Rape of former cook at Revanna's house in Holenarsipur	Chargesheet filed on August 22, 2024 2,360 pages, 153 witnesses	Cognisance stage	Prajwal Revanna and H. D. Revanna
Housewife in Hassan was forced to disrobe on video call and the act recorded	Chargesheet filed on March 1, 2025 681 pages, 74 witnesses	Hearing before charges	Prajwal Revanna
Abduction of 48-year-old former help at Revanna family's farmhouse	Chargesheet filed on July 18, 2024 2,339 pages, 133 witnesses	Hearing before charges	Total nine accused, including H. D. Revanna and Bhavani Revanna

Prajwal breaks down in court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former MP for Hassan Prajwal Revanna, who was convicted of rape on Friday, broke down in court and pleaded for leniency, when judge Santosh Gajanan Bhat pronounced that the convict had been sentenced to "imprisonment for life which shall mean remainder of natural life", at the Special Court of Sessions for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs on Saturday.

Prajwal continued to claim innocence and alleged a political conspiracy. "My only mistake was that I grew quickly in politics," he claimed.

He reportedly said that the victim was not ready to complain and the police had forced her to lodge a complaint. He also pointed out that of the over 100 women the media claimed he abused, only four had lodged complaints.

"I have worked as MP for one term and did good work. Nobody accused me of rape when I was an MP. But the allegation was made just ahead of the Lok Sabha elections," he told the court.

Dalit leaders meet at Parameshwara's house

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ministers and MLAs belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC) community of the Congress held a meeting at the residence of Home Minister G. Parameshwara in the city on Saturday, amid a demand for implementing the internal quota among SC groups.

Besides Dr. Parameshwara, three Ministers – Shivaraj Tangadagi, K.H. Muniyappa, R.B. Thimmapur – and 20 MLAs attended the meeting and reportedly discussed issues related to internal quota and intra-party unity among leaders.

Minister Priyank Kharge did not attend the meeting since he was in Delhi, sources said.

In January, Dr. Parameshwara planned to hold a dinner meeting of Dalit leaders, which sparked off a controversy and was eventually called off after intervention from the party high command.

Sources said the meeting of SC Congress leaders was convened to resolve inner differences before the Justice Nagamohan Das Commission submits its report on internal quota to the government.

A couple of days ago, Dr. Parameshwara told reporters: "We will get to know everyone's opinions on the internal quota issue."

The commission is expected to come out with a formula to divide the 17% reservation for SCs amongst the different subgroups based on their population and backwardness.

The Dalit left has fought for internal reservation on the grounds that they have been historically deprived of reservation benefits.

To counter Cong. protest against ECI, BJP to stage demonstration on August 5

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

B.Y. Vijayendra

Describing the Congress protest against Election Commission of India (ECI) as "new theatrics," Karnataka BJP president B.Y. Vijayendra on Saturday announced his party's plans on a counter-protest to expose the "undemocratic attitude" of the party.

The BJP's former and incumbent MPs, MLAs and MLCs will stage the dharna in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue on the Vidhana Soudha premises on August 5, at the same time when the Congress will stage its protest at Freedom Park, announced Mr. Vijayendra. "We intend to call on the Governor after the demonstration," he added.

Amid the row over the revision of electoral rolls in Bihar, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, who recently claimed that the Congress had figured out the *modus operandi* of "vote theft" by studying a Lok Sabha constituency in Karnataka, will take part in a protest in Bengaluru on August 5 and submit a representation to ECI officials here.

Describing the Congress party's decision to stage the protest as "absurd", Mr. Vijayendra said: "By leveling allegations against the ECI, Mr. Gandhi has demonstrated that he has lost faith in democratic process."

He said the Congress could have approached the judiciary if it had proof and evidence that the ECI has been misused but staging a protest against the constitutional body shows the undemocratic attitude of the Congress.

Mr. Vijayendra argued that the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister had "insulted" the "mature and conscientious voters" of the State by parroting Mr. Gandhi's statement about "theft of votes" and "misuse of EC."

Leopard's death: Dept. expected to order probe

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

The Forest Department is expected to form a committee to investigate the death of a leopard reported at Emmedoddi near Kadur in Chikkamagaluru district on July 31.

It is said that the leopard that was found dead in a waterbody was captured at Devihalli in Chikkanayakanahalli Range of Tumakuru district a day before. The officers of the Forest Department allegedly released the leopard near Emmedoddi late in the night on July 30, without following the guidelines.

A senior official of the department told *The Hindu* that officers of the Chikkamagaluru district administration have sent a report on the incident.

TB patients to get additional nutritional supplements

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Health Department has issued an order to provide additional nutritional food in the form of nutrition powder for the first two months of treatment to tuberculosis (TB) patients who are weak owing to the disease.

If a newly diagnosed TB patient has a body mass index (BMI) of less than 18 at the start of treatment, they are eligible to receive 6 kg of nutrition powder per month for the first two months.

This distribution must be done through anganwadi centres for eligible beneficiaries in all districts, except Chitradurga, Ballari, and Tumakuru, which fall under the jurisdiction of the Karnataka Mining Environment Restoration Corporation (KMERC).

"From August 1, 2025, it must be ensured that the TB patients who are newly diagnosed and consuming the nutrition powder have their body weight measured and recorded in the Ni-kshay software and in the TB treatment card. The supplied nutrition powder must be stored properly without compromising quality," stated the order.

HC finds no fault in policy of not providing roster-based reservation for honorary posts of anganwadi workers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka said that the policy of the State government in not providing roster-based reservation for the posts of anganwadi workers is not contrary to constitutional provisions as these posts are not civil but only honorary.

"...the post of the anganwadi worker is honorary and persons selected to these posts will be paid a honorarium and they are not entitled to a salary... hence it is not required for the State government to follow the reservation roster," the court observed.

Justice M.I. Arun passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by 28-year-old Vijayalakshmi of Vijayapura district. The petitioner, who belongs to the Scheduled Tribe community and an aspirant to the post of anganwadi worker, had questioned the government's action of not providing caste-based reservation while appointing persons as anganwadi workers.

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However, the government said that it is appointing persons from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as anganwadi workers if the population of these communities in the area of the anganwadi centre is more than 40%.

The population of the ST community in the area of the centre to which the petitioner is seeking appointment is very low, and hence the government has not provided posts for persons from this community, the court said, while pointing out that the petitioner, who may not be meritorious to secure honorary posts, had raised the issue of reservation.

The government also pointed out that anganwadi workers are required to inspire confidence of all the villagers and care for all the children irrespective of the community, and a person is chosen to these posts taking all these factors into consideration.

"Courts should be reluctant to interfere with the legislation or policy on reservation of the State unless it is shown that they are *ultra vires* the provision of the Constitution," the court said, while pointing out that the government's policy on not providing roster-based reservation for the post of anganwadi workers is not contrary to the Constitution.

DOCUMENT LOST

General public are hereby notified that I, **Krishnamurthy K P** S/o Parappa Residing at Yellamma Nagar Weavers Colony Nelamangala 562 123. Mob: 8123516264 has lost Original Sale Deed dt 06.01.1992, registered as No. 2320/91-92 Purchased by Ramaswamy H from Muddagangaiah in respect of property bearing Old Khatha NO 56-506-229 New Khatha No 6796787572 situated at Sy No 135/1, Nelamangala Town Nelamangala Taluk (Yellamma Nagar Weavers Colony). He has lodged Complaint in that respect before the Nelamangala Police Station on 30.07.2025, vide Lost Report No 1728074/2025. General public are hereby requested to handover the said lost documents if found and also it is hereby cautioned not be deal with any person in respect with Krishnamurthy .K.P. If any personal/institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and Document, the said claims along with undersigned **Within 7 days** from the date of publication of the notice at the address mentioned below. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

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Residing at Yellamma Nagar, Weavers Colony, Nelamangala-562 123.
Mob: 8123516264

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer (Bengaluru South Constituency)
Lakes Division, Room N.309, 3rd Floor, New Building,
N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002.

No: EE-BSC(Lakes)/TN-05/2025-26 **Date: 02.08.2025**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

Tenders on iste rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below form the registered contractors of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Oganisation (Standard Tender Bid Document).

S.N.	Name of the work
1	Main bund repair work, inlet wall raising and painting work for chainlink fencing and kerb in Yelechenahalli Lake. **Value of work:** Rs.8.50 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs. 21,250/-.
2	Painting work for chain link fencing and missing bits fencing work in Kudlu Chikkere. **Value of work:** Rs.17.00 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs. 42,500/-.
3	Main bund repair work and painting work for chainlink fencing and kerb, providing missing bits chain link fencing in Yelechenahalli Lake. **Value of work:** Rs.21.20 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs. 42,400/-.
4	Construction of Security Room in Kudlu Doddakkere (Reserved for ST Category). **Value of work:** Rs.8.50 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs. 10,600/-.

Calendar of events: 1) Downloading tender documents: 04.08.2025. 2) Last date & time for receipt of tenders: 19.08.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. 3) Opening of Technical Bid Document: 21.08.2025 at 16.30 hrs.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Bengaluru South Constituency), Lakes Division

INBRIEF

46.86 lakh farmers get aid under Centre-State scheme

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday said that ₹3,175 crore was disbursed to 46.86 lakh farmers across the State as part of the first instalment of the Annadata Sukhibhava - Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme. Launching the scheme at East Veerayapalem village of Darsi mandal in Prakasam district, Mr. Naidu said every eligible farmer would get ₹20,000 per annum in three instalments.

Man arrested for assault, inciting communal hatred

A 24-year-old bike-taxi rider, Mohammed Raheel, was arrested by the Saifabad police for assaulting a man and a woman in Hyderabad, and circulating a video of it on social media in an attempt to incite communal hatred. On July 29, the accused intercepted an IT employee and his 24-year-old colleague on their way home. Police say the accused began filming them without their consent, questioning the woman about being with a man from a different religion.

People bid tearful adieu to actor Kalabhavan Navas

The mortal remains of popular mimicry artiste and actor in Kerala, Kalabhavan Navas, were interred at the Aluva Town Juma Masjid on Saturday evening. Hundreds of people from various walks of life, including his colleagues in the film industry, paid homage to him when the body was kept at his residence in Nalam. Navas was found unconscious in a hotel room at Chottanikkara on Friday evening. His death was confirmed owing to heart failure.

EPS slams DMK for running 'advertisement-model govt.'

AIADMK leader says T.N. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has been lying that his party had fulfilled '98% of the election promises'; he criticises *Ungaludan Stalin* grievance redress camps

The Hindu Bureau
THOOTHUKUDI

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami said on Saturday that the DMK has been running an 'advertisement-model' government, which gave new names to old schemes every day.

As part of his *Makkalai Kappom Tamizhagathai Meetpom* campaign, the Leader of the Opposition addressed a public meeting in Tiruchendur. He said the AIADMK government's schemes were being rebranded with new names, including the *Amma Arogya Thittam* introduced in 2016, which had now been rebranded as *Nalam Kaakkum Stalin*. Referring to the DMK's *Ungaludan Stalin* grievance redress camps, he said: "For the past 50 months, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has never thought about the people. Now, he is conducting camps where people can submit petitions for 46 types of grievances. If these could not be resolved in four years, how will they be resolved in eight months?"

Reaching out: AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami addressing a group of industrialists, farmers, and salt manufacturers in Thoothukudi on Saturday. N. RAJESH

Mr. Palaniswami emphasised that the 2026 Assembly election would be crucial in putting an end to dynastic rule and family politics. "The DMK made 525 announcements during its election campaign. However, till today, they have not been fully implemented. Whenever the Chief Minister is questioned on this matter, he lies and claims that 98% of the promises announced by the DMK have been fulfilled," he added.

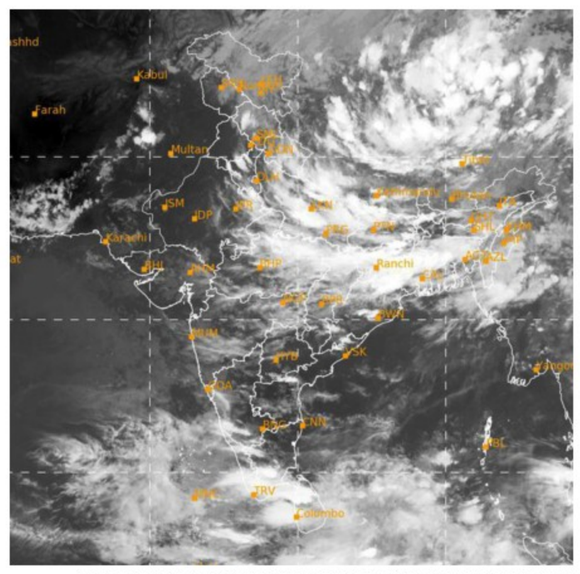
Wage disbursement

"They also promised to extend the 100-day employment scheme to 150 days. But has it increased?" he asked, and added that not only was the extension never implemented but the wage disbursement was also delayed.

In reality, it was the AIADMK that negotiated with the Centre to get ₹2,999 crore in the first phase for wage disbursement, he claimed.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3	34.8	26.7	Kozhikode	—	28.0	24.0
Ahmedabad	3	32.6	25.6	Kurnool	—	34.5	25.5
Aizawl	28	29.0	22.5	Lucknow	0.4	33.3	27.1
Allahabad	8	30.0	25.7	Madurai	—	38.0	25.1
Bengaluru	—	29.5	20.6	Mangaluru	—	29.1	23.8
Bhopal	—	31.3	23.6	Mumbai	6	30.2	24.9
Bhubaneswar	—	36.0	26.2	Mysuru	27	30.0	20.0
Chandigarh	7	33.3	26.2	New Delhi	5	33.7	25.7
Chennai	—	37.1	26.8	Patna	31	29.9	26.8
Coimbatore	—	31.4	22.8	Port Blair	—	31.5	25.8
Dehradun	4	33.2	23.6	Puducherry	—	35.2	23.0
Gangtok	41	21.4	19.4	Pune	0.2	31.4	23.6
Goa	6	30.9	25.0	Raipur	11	31.0	25.4
Guwahati	8	30.8	25.9	Ranchi	—	29.8	23.8
Hubballi	—	28.0	22.0	Shillong	5	23.0	19.3
Hyderabad	—	32.4	23.4	Shimla	5	26.5	20.8
Imphal	5.8	27.5	23.0	Srinagar	1	29.5	21.1
Jaipur	7	33.8	25.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.0	24.0
Kochi	—	28.0	25.0	Tiruchi	—	37.4	27.0
Kohima	20	24.9	20.2	Vijayawada	—	36.8	27.4
Kolkata	21	34.6	26.0	Visakhapatnam	—	34.8	28.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.25	..43	31	 60	87	
Bengaluru	.10	..13	34	 63	...158	
Chennai	.10	..16	64	 51	82	
Delhi	.10	..35	56	 60	...137	
Hyderabad	.38	..27	48	... 142	...100	
Kolkata	.11	..97	28	 45	56	
Lucknow	.45	..12	18	... 112	...103	
Mumbai	.24	..13	17	 62	71	
Pune	..—	..24	62	 32	62	
Visakhapatnam	...8	..29	12	 86	...134	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 234 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

M.K. Sanoo, critic, passes away at 97

M.P. Praveen
KOCHI

M.K. Sanoo, Malayalam critic, biographer, orator, retired professor, and former member of the Legislative Assembly, died in Kochi on Saturday. He was hospitalised for the past few days due to complications sustained from a fall. He was 97.

Born in 1928 in Alappuzha, he has authored nearly 50 books, including his autobiography, *Karmagathy*.

Mr. Sanoo is survived by three daughters - Rekha, Geetha, and Seetha - and two sons - Ranjith and Haris. His wife N. Retnamma died in 2023.

The cremation of Mr. Sanoo will be held at 4 p.m at the Ravipuram crematorium here on Sunday with full state honours.

Leaders slam award for *The Kerala Story*

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] and the Congress have condemned the national award for *The Kerala Story*, an allegedly Islamophobic movie, which purportedly broadcasts a negative depiction of the State as a fertile ground for radical Islamists to trick Hindu women into marriage for recruitment to the jihadist cause.

Culture Minister Saji Cherian termed the award the latest salvo in the cultural war the Central government has unleashed against Kerala.

K.C. Venugopal, Congress MP, said "The national award is BJP's payback to Kerala for shutting the door on Sangh Parivar."

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No: KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT 3102/Call-2 Dated: 30.07.2025

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two cover system) (Through e-procurement portal only)

Item wise tenders are invited through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **"Retrofitting of 2x250KVA ONAN Transformers by Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 2x500KVA alongwith Supply & Laying of HT & LT Side Cable and Connected Accessories including dismantling of existing 250KVA Transformers at Shiva HES".** Last date & time for submission of bids: 18.08.2025 upto15:00 hrs. Further details can be had from office of the **Chief Engineer (Electrical Design),** KPCL, No.3, Green Building, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Mobile: 91416 07505.

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T.Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bangalore-560 020.

No:BDA/EE/HPD-1/TEN/T-175/2025-26 Date:02.08.2025

SHORT TERM INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GoK e-Procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)

Short-Term Tender is invited for upgradation work invited by Bangalore Development Authority (Indent Number: **BDA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT144**). Tender Schedule is as below.

Tender Schedule: (1) Date of availability of Tender Documents in e-portal: **03.08.2025 (2)** Last date and time for submission of Tender Pre-Bid enquiries: **05.08.2025, 11.00 A.M. (3)** Date and time of Tender Pre-Bid Meeting: **06.08.2025, 3.00 P.M. (4)** Last date and time for submission of Tender: **18.08.2025, 4.00 P.M. (5)** Date of opening Technical Bid of Tender: **19.08.2025 after 4.30 P.M.**

Interested Bidders can view further details on **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and for more details it is requested to contact the Housing Project Division-1 of BDA during office hours.

Note: For any reason if there is delay in uploading the Tender Documents in e-portal, the revised/modified Tender Schedule will only be published in e-portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, HPD-1 Division, BDA, Bangalore

Govt. of Karnataka
Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru
(An Organisation of Government of Karnataka)
No.8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Karnataka Marketing Federation Building, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052.

No: KREIS/EE-1/Tender-14/2025-26 Date: 02.08.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Only)

The tenders have been invited for **Construction of Additional Buildings and Infrastructure works to MDRS School & College at S.Hosakote, Mysuru District, STP in Yaluvalli, Kolar District and Civil and Electrical Repair works in the jurisdiction of KREIS (Tender Indent No. 659/call-2, 173/call-3, 399/call-2, 352/call-2, 290/call-2, 531/call-3, 532/call-3, 540/call-3, 590/call-2 and 591/call-2)** through e-Portal vide website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **02.08.2025.** The last date for receipt of tenders is **01.09.2025 and 16.08.2025 respectively.** The details may be viewed at above website.

Note: Any changes in term tender notification will not be published in dailies. It will be published in e-Procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-1 KREIS

DIPR/CP/YC/2171/2025-26

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An Autonomous Institution of Ministry of Education., Govt. of India)
Yerpedu Mandal – 517619, Tirupati.

Admission to Physics Department through Visvesvaraya PhD scheme: Phase II, August- 2025

IISER Tirupati **(www.iisertirupati.ac.in)** invites online applications for admission to the Physics Department through the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT: Phase II August 2025. For details of educational qualifications, eligibility criteria, selection procedure, online application, and last date of submission, please visit: For Ph.D.: **https://www.iisertirupati.ac.in/visvesvaraya-phd-scheme/**

Advt. No. 43/2025/IISER-T/Admissions/30-07-2025 Sd/- **Director**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.
Phone No: 08539 – 222318 email : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. PWD:DK:DB:KW-4:2025-26: 1465 Date: 01-08-2025.

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-4 on http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal. **Head of Account : 5054-State Highway Improvements & KKRDB Micro-Infrasture-TSP/2024-25.** Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on **Phone No. 08539 – 222318** and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** 2 Works (Work Indent No: 22257/Call-2 & 18054). Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders **12-08-2025 Time 16.00**, Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid **13-08-2025 Time 16.30**. Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid **18-08-2025 Time 16.00**. Minimum & Estimate Maximum Amount **Rs. 177.25 Lakhs** & **Rs. 990.00 Lakhs** respectively. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Time for Tender Queries/Clarification, Date & Other information as mentioned in KPPP Portal. Any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in KPPP portal & no separate notification will be published in news paper.

Sd/- EE PWD Division, Koppal.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC-East),
Room no.101, Annex-3 building, BBMP N R Square, Bangalore-02.

No: EE(QA/QC)/East/TEND/09/25-26 Date : 02.08.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Only Through KPP Portal)

The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Quality Assurance/Quality Control division invites Request for Proposal from interested persons/firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality control (PMC) for the below works through KPP Portal by the Executive Engineer QA/QC-East on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, BBMP Bengaluru. Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

	Name of the Works/Estimate Cost of Main Work (Rs in Lakhs)/EMD amount in Rs.
1	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Construction of Nursery and Primary School at Austin Town. (Call-4). Estimate Cost of Main Work : Rs. **225.00** Lakhs, EMD amount in Rs. : **4,700/-.**

Calender of events :
1.Tender Document may be downloaded through KPP-portal from : **04.08.2025**.
2. Pre-bid Meeting : **08.08.2025** at **11.30 AM** Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC) R.no.101, Annex-3 building, BBMP N R Square, Bangalore-560 002.
3. Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders : **14.08.2025** up to **4:00 PM.**
4. Opening of Technical bid : **16.08.2025** at **10:30 AM.**
5. Validity of Tender : **90 Days from last date of receipts of Tender**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer (QA/QC-East), BBMP

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He taught us to walk

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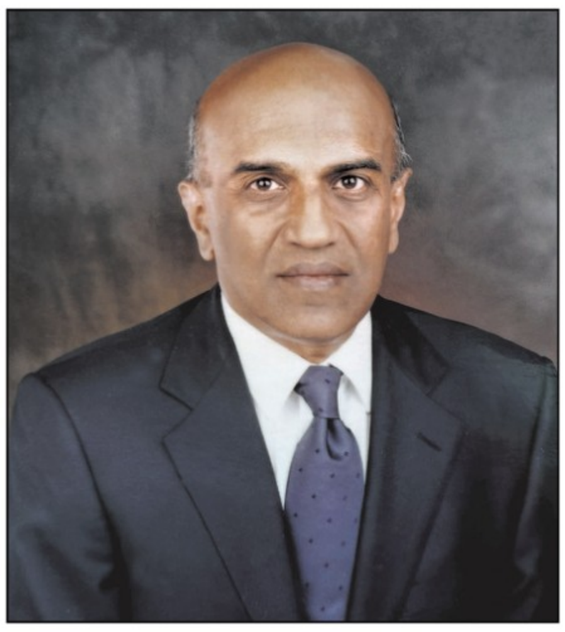
DEATH

Puthenvittil Chandapillai (Babu) Mathew

May 17, 1950 - August 2, 2025



We mourn the passing of Puthenvittil Chandapillai (Babu) Mathew (Age 75) who left us peacefully, in Chennai, on Saturday, August 2, 2025.

A distinguished and accomplished professional, Babu's executive career took him from Chennai to London, to the United States, and back to Bangalore. He built a life marked by integrity, leadership, and quiet strength. His legacy lives on through the many colleagues, friends, and family, whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his wife Annamma, his sons, Nikhil, Abraham, and Matthen, their spouses, Sarah, Radhika, and Laju, and his grandchildren, Alisha, Basu, Zoe, Markus, Leo, Luke, and Miles.

The funeral service was held yesterday, August 2, 2025, at the Kilpauk Cemetery, Chennai.

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From Page One

Rahul claims 2024 polls rigged; EC says 'baseless'

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha was speaking at the annual conclave on law, human rights, and RTI by the All India Congress Committee. "The Prime Minister of India is Prime Minister with a very slim majority. If 10-15 seats were rigged, it would have been possible. Although our suspicion is closer to 70, 80, 100 seats. We are going to prove to you in the coming few days how that Lok Sabha election was rigged," Mr. Gandhi said.

Whomever he had "shown this investigation to has fallen off their chair", he said. "It makes it clear that the institution that defends the Constitution has been obliterated and taken over. Now, there is absolutely no doubt that we have proof that will show that the Election Commission of India does not exist. It has taken us over six months to find this proof. Because the Election Commission does not give us electronic voter lists. It gives us paper-wise voter lists," he added.

Speaking in the context of its investigation, Mr. Gandhi said, "When they gave us booth-wise paper voter list, that document cannot be scanned. Why would the ECI copy-proof, scan-proof the voter lists? We found that 6.5 lakh voters voted, and 1.5 lakh of them were fake. Physical paper we have from ECI. We compared each photo on the lists. You will see soon when we release this. It's like an atom bomb. The election system in India is dead."

Give evidence against EC, Rajnath dares Rahul

"I would like to say to Rahul *ji*, if you have an "atom bomb" of evidence, then detonate it immediately. Present all the evidence before the public. But the truth is, he has neither any facts nor any evidence. It is his old habit to make sensational statements," Mr. Singh added in a post on social media platform X. Lashing out at the Congress leader, Mr. Singh recalled that Mr. Gandhi had previously said that "the day he speaks, there will be an earthquake."

"When he spoke, *Khoda Pahad Nikli Chuhiya* (dug up a mountain and found a mouse). I would just say to Rahul *ji,* detonate the bomb quickly. But keep yourself balanced and safe. Let the constitutional institutions do their work. This is better for the health of Congress and for the health of democracy," Mr. Singh said Mr. Singh said that the Assembly elections in Bihar are to be held in the coming months and that the public will again deliver its mandate.Praising the EC, Mr. Singh asserted that it has started preparations for the Bihar elections in full swing and has initiated the SIR in Bihar.

(With PTI inputs)

Prajwal gets jail for 'rest of natural life'

Following the verdict, B.K. Singh, chief of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed to probe the allegations against Prajwal, said the victim in the case belonged to the lowest strata of society. Her fight against the accused, who belongs to the most powerful political family of the State, was "inspiring", he said.

Special Public Prosecutor Asok Nayak said the trial being completed within a year and four months after the case was registered, and the conviction of a former MP, had sent out a strong message. Of the four cases filed against Prajwal, this is the first where the trial has been completed. While trial has begun in another case, it is yet to begin in two other cases.

Kerala nuns walk out of Chhattisgarh prison

Earlier on Friday, defence lawyers had argued that there was no material evidence to slap charges of either trafficking or forced conversion on the Christian trio.

Meanwhile, the three young women who were the alleged victims of trafficking went to the office of the Superintendent of Police in Narayanpur district, seeking to register an FIR against the Bajrang Dal members for allegedly assaulting them and forcing them to give false statements against the nuns. At least one of the women had already said the same thing to the media following the arrests.

"[T]here is no apprehension of absconding of the accused. It is also significant that the parents of the three victims have also filed their affidavits stating that the accused persons/applicants have not allured or forced or coerced their daughters for religious conversion or human trafficking. Out of the three major/adult victim girls, two victim girls in their statement before the Police under Section 180 of B.N.S.S. 2023, deposed that they have been followers of Christianity since childhood," the court noted while granting bail to the trio.

While Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai had backed the arrests, the BJP's own Kerala unit later expressed solidarity with the nuns. Kerala BJP president Rajeev Chandrasekhar, along with other MPs from Kerala including John Brittas of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and Jebi Mather from the Congress, were at the Durg Central Jail to receive the nuns post their release.

Operation Mahadev: photos from encounter site in 2024 helped identify terrorists

The LeT terrorists' photos were found in a phone; security personnel began searches for them after matching the photographs with accounts of eyewitnesses present at Baisaran meadow on April 22

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Killed in encounter: (From left) Suleman, Zibran and Hamza Afghani. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The three Pahalgam terrorists who were killed during Operation Mahadev on July 28 were identified and tracked with the help of photographs recovered from a mobile phone seized by the security forces after an encounter in south Kashmir in 2024, a senior government official said.

The phone contained several pictures of the three Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists identified as Suleman, alias Faizal Jatt, Hamza Afghani, and Zibran posing with guns and ammunition.

Hid in Dachigam forest

The photographs were then matched with the accounts of eyewitnesses present at the Baisaran meadow on April 22 and a search was launched for them in the Dachigam forest, around 20 km from Srinagar, where they were hiding after the terror attack.

The terrorists were using a long-range wireless module to communicate, and its signals helped the intelligence agencies track their location. The device was likely assembled, and has been sent for forensic examination, the official said.

Home Minister Amit Shah informed the Lok Sabha on July 29 that indigenous technology was used to track the three terrorists in the Dachigam forest. The Minister said that on May 22, the Intelligence Bureau (IB) received information about the presence of terrorists in the Dachigam area through human intelligence. He said, "Continuous efforts were made by the IB and the Army from May 22 to July 22 to confirm the information with an equipment made by our agencies to capture ultra signals in Dachigam."

"All three are Pakistanis," the official said.

The official added that the terrorists were sighted multiple times in the forest but they always managed to get away. Security forces combed the forests and monitored areas close to streams and rivers as the terrorists came there to fetch water.

As reported by *The Hindu,* a group of 20-25 hardened terrorists from Pakistan infiltrated around three years ago and are said to be operating in the forest and mountains across Pir Panjal in Jammu and the forests in south Kashmir.

In 2024, the foreign terrorists split into two groups, one led by Suleman who was killed during Operation Mahadev on July 28 and the other group led by another Pakistani identified as Musa. Since 2021, around 135 security personnel have been killed in Jammu and Kashmir likely by the same group.

"After Operation Mahadev, we have received crucial information about the other foreign terrorists and we have launched operations to track them down," said the official.

Rahul Gandhi's 'Arun Jaitley threat' claim triggers war of words

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi

The allegation made by the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Saturday that former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was allegedly sent to threaten him over his position on the controversial farm laws triggered a war of words between the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and the Opposition Congress with the BJP fact-checking Mr. Gandhi over his claims.

Congress leaders, however, pointed to meetings Mr. Jaitley had with Mr. Gandhi in 2015 and 2018.

'We are not cowards'

Speaking at the All India Congress Committee's annual legal conclave on Saturday, Mr. Gandhi said, "I shouldn't be saying this since he is no longer with us but I will still say it. I remember when I was fighting the farm laws, Arun Jaitley *ji* was sent to threaten me.

He said "if you continued down this path, opposing us on farm laws, we will have to act against you". "I said I don't think you know who you're talking to. We are Congress, not cowards. British couldn't bend us," Mr. Gandhi said.

These remarks triggered reactions from senior BJP leaders, and Union Ministers, even as Mr. Jaitley's son Rohan Jaitley posted on social media.

Mr. Rohan said on X, "Rahul Gandhi now claims my late father, Arun Jaitley, threatened him over the farm laws. Let me remind him, my father passed away in 2019. The farm laws were introduced in 2020. More importantly, it was not in my father's nature to threaten anyone over an opposing view. He was a staunch democrat and always believed in building consensus."

Irresponsible, says BJP

Reactions poured in from Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who called Mr. Gandhi the "face of irresponsibility", Coal Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, and BJP leader B.L. Santosh said Jaitley died in 2019 while the farm laws were brought in 2020.

One terrorist killed in encounter with security forces in Kulgam district

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

High vigil: Security personnel stand guard amid an encounter between terrorists and security forces at Akhal in Kulgam. PTI

A terrorist was killed in an ongoing anti-terror operation by security forces in Kulgam district of south Kashmir on Saturday.

"Intermittent and intense fire fight continued through the night. Alert troops responded with calibrated fire and tightened the noose while maintaining contact. One terrorist has been neutralised by the security forces so far. Operation continues," the Army's Chinar Corps said in a post on X.

Security forces on Friday evening engaged a group of hiding terrorists in a firefight in the jungles of south Kashmir's Kulgam. "An encounter has started at Akhal area of Kulgam (south Kashmir). The police's Special Operations Group, Army and CRPF are on job," a police spokesman said.

This is the third encounter in J&K this week.

Six terrorists were left killed in these encounters, including all the three involved in the Pahalgam terror attack.

Heart of justice must remain human, tech. only a tool: SC judge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Justice Surya Kant of the Supreme Court said on Saturday that though technology could make justice delivery systems and legal aid efficient, it could not replace the human touch.

"Technology is only a tool. The heart of justice must remain human... In a world where machines write poetry and algorithms predict behaviour, we must remember: justice is still a human act. It is not rendered by bandwidth but by conscience. The greatness of the law lies not in authority, but in service; not in rigidity, but in compassion," Justice Kant said. He was speaking on bridging the "digital gap" and "reimagining legal aid in the digital age for inclusive justice in India", at the Justice R.C. Lahoti Memorial Lecture on Saturday.

Justice Kant is the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and in line for appointment as the next Chief Justice of India in November as per the seniority norm.

The judge said the legal aid system cannot become a "factory of canned responses". "Automated systems are efficient, but they cannot replace the human touch. Legal aid cannot become a factory of canned responses; it must not reduce people's problems to ticket numbers. There must always be a human fallback – someone to listen, explain, and reassure," he said.

Trump says he 'heard' India won't buy Russia oil

Press Trust of India
NEW YORK/WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Saturday said he had heard that India was no longer going to buy oil from Russia, which he hailed as a "good step", but added that he was not sure about the development.

"Well, I understand India no longer is going to be buying oil from Russia. That's what I heard. I don't know if that's right or not, but that's a good step. We'll see what happens," Mr. Trump told presspersons on Friday.

Mr. Trump's comments come a day after the White House announced tariffs the U.S. would impose on exports from about 70 nations.

According to the executive order, India will face tariffs of 25%, but it did not mention the "penalty" that Mr. Trump had said India will have to pay because of its purchases of Russian military equipment and energy.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal was asked at the weekly media briefing on Friday about the reports claiming that Indian oil companies have stopped buying oil from Russia in the past week.

'Not aware of specifics'

Mr. Jaiswal responded that as far as sourcing India's energy requirements is concerned, "we take decisions based on the price at which oil is available in the international market and depending on the global situation at that time.

As for the specifics of your particular question, I am not aware of it. I don't have details of these specifics."

Earlier, Mr. Trump had also mounted a sharp attack on India and Russia for their close ties and said that the two countries can take their "dead economies down together."

Calls grow to set up permanent National Commission for DNTs

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Calls are growing for the establishment of a permanent national commission for Denotified, Nomadic, and Semi-Nomadic Tribes with the issue finding primacy in discussions at the national conference of Denotified Tribes (DNTs) held this week in New Delhi.

During the event, BJP OBC Morcha chief and Rajya Sabha MP K. Laxman met with community leaders from all over the country. Mr. Laxman was presented with a consolidated list of demands, at the top of which was the call to set up a permanent national commission for the communities that had been declared "criminal" under the erstwhile colonial government.

Community leaders urged Mr. Laxman to take up their issues on the floor of the House and with the Government.

The national conference was put together by the Development and Welfare Board for Denotified, Nomadic, and Semi-Nomadic communities. Members spoke of the importance of the work done by the Idate Commission, the last national commission that was set up to investigate the issues of the community.

The commission headed by Bhiku Ramji Idate had submitted its report on actions to be taken for the protection and development of DNT communities in 2018. This included completion of classification of these communities, and setting up of a permanent national commission.

Delhi court issues notice to Robert Vadra and others in Gurugram land deal case

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Robert Vadra

A Delhi court on Saturday issued notice to Robert Vadra, husband of Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi, and others in a money laundering case linked to a land deal at Shikohpur village in Haryana's Gurugram.

Special Judge Sushant Changotra of the Rouse Avenue Court issued the notice after hearing submissions of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which had filed chargesheets in the case last month.

The accused will be given the opportunity to be heard during the pre-cognisance stage of the case.

The next hearing of the case is scheduled for August 28. The court observed that the issue relating to territorial jurisdiction of the court to entertain the present complaint has to be considered when it decides on taking cognisance of offences. Therefore, it said the issue will be decided at the relevant stage.

"Since the present complaint has been filed on 18.07.2025 i.e. subsequent to 01.07.2024, therefore, in view of the aforementioned discussion, I am of the considered opinion that all the accused have to be given an opportunity to exercise their right to be heard on the aspect of taking of cognisance," the judge said.

The matter pertains to an FIR filed in 2008 by the Gurugram Police, which alleged that Mr. Vadra fraudulently purchased 3.53 acres of land in Shikohpur, through his entity M/s. Sky Light Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., from Onkareshwar Properties Pvt. Ltd. in a ₹7.5-crore deal.

The police claimed the purchase was made through false declaration and the accused also obtained a commercial licence for the said land through his personal influence in the State.

No complaints yet on Bihar draft roll from parties: EC

Commission to issue new EPIC cards to electors after special revision of rolls; it opens special camps to help people file objections, and shares list of excluded names with political parties

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

A day after the publication of the draft electoral rolls following the special intensive revision (SIR) in Bihar, the Election Commission on Saturday said all eligible voters would be given new elector photo identity cards (EPIC). Hence, they should provide new photographs by September 1 when the deadline to file claims and objections ends, it said.

The commission said that in the 24 hours – from 3 p.m. on Friday to 3 p.m. on Saturday – since the publication of the draft rolls, no claims were filed by political parties regarding inclusion in, or exclusion from, the rolls.

By the draft rolls, the number of voters in Bihar had dropped by 65 lakh from those on the electoral list prior to the revision.

As per the draft roll published on Friday, the number of voters in Bihar had dropped by 65 lakh. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

The draft rolls of the 90,712 polling booths in all 243 Assembly constituencies and the list of those electors whose names were present on the electoral rolls till June 24 but not there on the draft have been shared with all the political parties for verification, the EC said in a statement here.

The 12 political parties on the ground in Bihar have 1.6 lakh booth-level agents (BLAs), nominated by their district presidents.

Details online

Apart from this, any elector of Bihar can check his name on the draft electoral rolls by filling his EPIC number directly on the link https://voters.eci.gov.in The voter can also file his claim or objection for addition or deletion of his name.

The poll body said that to make this process easy, special camps had been opened in all block-cum-circle offices and urban local body municipal offices from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all days up to September 1. In addition to this, advertisements have been given in newspapers and on television and social media.

A special campaign was organised on August 1 and 2 for the addition of names of young electors who turned 18 or will attain that age from July 1 to October 1. As of now, 3,223 young electors have filled the requisite forms.

The commission has decided to double the annual remuneration of BLOs, and also enhanced the remuneration of BLO supervisors involved in the preparation and revision of electoral rolls. The last such revision was done in 2015. Also, an honorarium has been provided for electoral registration officers and assistant electoral registration officers for the first time.

Name is missing on draft roll, says Tejashwi; EC counters with extract

Amit Bhelari
Sreeparna Chakrabarty
PATNA/NEW DELHI

Tejashwi Yadav, Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, raked up a controversy on Saturday, just a day after the draft electoral rolls of the State were published, saying his name was missing from the list.

The Election Commission (EC) said the former Deputy Chief Minister was making "baseless" claims, and furnished the extract of the draft roll in which his name is present.

However, confusion prevailed over the fact that the EPIC (elector photo identity card) number quoted by Mr. Yadav was different from the one which the commission gave him on the list it showed. While Mr. Yadav said he voted in the Lok Sabha election in 2024 using the voter ID card having the number RAB2916120, which is now missing from the draft rolls, the EC list shows the number as RAB0456228.

EC sources in Delhi said that Mr. Yadav had used EPIC no. RAB0456228 for filing his nomination papers on affidavit in the 2020 Assembly election and he was listed with this number even on the 2015 electoral roll. The sources said the other EPIC id RAB2916120 had been found to be non-existent after checking records of more than 10 years.

Name row: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav addressing a press conference in Patna on Saturday. PTI

"No records have been found for the second EPIC number yet. It is highly likely that the second EPIC was never made through official channel and further inquiries are on to understand the reality of the second EPIC number, whether that is a forged document," a source told *The Hindu*.

Both the EPIC cards bear the same address.

Mr. Yadav is a voter in the Digha Assembly constituency and represents the Raghopur Assembly seat. In the current draft roll published on Friday, his name is listed in polling station number 204, Library Building of Bihar Animal Science University, at serial number 416.

Addressing a press conference in Patna, Mr. Yadav said, "You all can see that my name is not found on the EC website. If this is the thing with the Leader of the Opposition, then just think about the common man. What kind of difficulties they must be facing to provide the details and to register their name on the draft list," he said.

Patna District Magistrate Thiyagarajan S.M.'s office issued a press statement saying that an investigation was conducted by the district administration and it was clear that Mr. Yadav's name is on the draft rolls.

The DM's office also shared Mr. Yadav's 2020 Assembly election affidavit. "In the Bihar Assembly Election, 2020, the Leader of Opposition has mentioned the above EPIC number in his affidavit. It can be seen at serial number 511 in the attached electoral roll," it said.

Despite the clarification, Mr. Yadav repeated the allegation when he attended a public event in Patna.

"After the chaos, the EC is saying that my name is there on the draft list but the EPIC number is different. EPIC number cannot be changed and it only happens when you delete your name from the present State and add it in another State," the RJD leader said.

India's air defence systems, missiles, drones showcased power of a self-reliant India: Modi

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in Varanasi on Saturday, invoked Lord Shiva's "*Rudra roop* (fierce form)" to hail the country's resolute action against terrorism. Operation Sindoor highlighted India's strength and sent a loud message that anyone who dared to attack the homeland would not be spared, not even in "*Pataal Lok*".

"My promise to avenge the '*sindoor*' of our daughters was fulfilled with blessings of Mahadev," he said at a public gathering at Banauli village in Sevapuri, Varanasi. "I dedicate the success of the operation at the feet of Mahadev."

Recalling the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Prime Minister said the grief of the victims' families, especially their daughters and children, deeply moved 140 crore Indian people, who shared their feelings and vowed to avenge their pain.

Constituency visit: Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributing wheelchairs in Varanasi on Saturday. SANDEEP SAXENA

"The world witnessed the fierce form of India during Operation Sindoor. Whoever attacks India will not survive, even in hell," Mr. Modi said, crediting the success of the operation to the unity of Indians, describing it as the foundation of the country's strength. "This unity sparks a new consciousness each time," he said.

Targeting the Opposition, the Prime Minister said that some people in the country were suffering a "stomachache" due to the success of Operation Sindoor. "The Congress, its allies, and friends can't digest that India destroyed Pakistan's terror bases. Pakistan's sorrow is understandable – but why are the Congress and Samajwadi Party sharing their grief," he asked.

He also accused the Opposition of insulting the armed forces. "Tell me, can *sindoor* ever be a tamasha? Calling our Army's valour and our daughters' honour a spectacle is shameful and will not be tolerated," he said.

Stressing India's growing self-reliance in defence, he said the whole world had witnessed the strength of indigenous weapons during Operation Sindoor. "Our air defence systems, missiles, and drones have showcased the power of a self-reliant India," he said, adding that the BrahMos missiles would soon be manufactured in Lucknow. "Weapons made in the U.P. Defence Corridor will become the backbone of India's military strength," he said.

New projects

During his visit to his Lok Sabha constituency, Mr. Modi dedicated multiple projects estimated at around ₹2,200 crore. He laid the foundation stone for multiple urban and rural road projects.

He also released the 20th instalment of the PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi, with over ₹20,500 crore transferred directly to the bank accounts of more than 9.7 crore farmers across the country.

EC wants to take away vote from minorities, says Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Amid the ongoing row over the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday alleged that the Election Commission had become a "puppet" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He added that the draft voter list published in Bihar indicated that as many as 65 lakh voters could be disenfranchised.

Mr. Kharge, who was addressing the All India Congress Committee's annual legal conclave here on Saturday, added that the EC "wants to take away" the voting rights of all the poor, marginalised and minorities, who would otherwise vote for the Congress as they were "fed up" with BJP's rule. "Let them vote for whoever they want to," he said. At the event titled "Constitutional challenges - perspectives and pathways", in addition to Mr. Kharge and Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, senior leaders like Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and K.C. Venugopal spoke.

"The soul of India is enshrined in the Constitution. It is the strength of every citizen, their right to move forward and live with dignity. We will protect the Constitution at all costs," Mr. Kharge said.

BJP deletes controversial post on nuns after backlash

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

A cartoon posted by the Bharatiya Janata Party in Chhattisgarh on the social media platform X which referred to the controversy over the arrest of two Christian nuns in the State, resulted in a backlash, forcing the party to delete the post on Saturday.

The cartoon, depicting Congress leaders such as Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and K.C. Venugopal bowing to nuns and as well-wishers of those indulging in human trafficking and religious conversions, was posted and deleted in quick succession on Saturday morning after some users said it mocked Christianity.

The deleted cartoon, too, prompted a strong rebuttal from the Opposition Congress in the State. The party said the BJP had been forced to delete the post fearing electoral losses in Kerala.

The nuns hail from the southern State.

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Notice Inviting Bid No.03/2024-25
Corrigendum No.09

Due to unavoidable circumstances bid submission date of this office NIT no. 03/2024-25 (Kaliteer Water Supply Project) has extended and last date of submission has been made as date 08.09.2025. Other terms and conditions as per Tender Documents.

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Notice Inviting Bid No. 07, 08 & 09/2024-25
Corrigendum No. 05

Due to unavoidable circumstances bid submission date of this office NIT no. 07/2024-25, 08/2024-25 & 09/2024-25 has extended and last date of submission has been made as date 08.09.2025. Other terms and conditions will remain as per Tender Document.

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NIT 08/2024-25: PHE2425WLOB07199 (NIB Code: PHE2425A3394)
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No. F.8/STORE/DTA/ORACLE RESOURCES/2025-26/643 DATED: 22.7.2025

Notice Inviting Bid

Request for Proposal (RFP) of Rate Contract for Supply of Oracle Services (OEM Resources) under IFMS 3.0 Project of Government of Rajasthan are invited from interested eligible bidders up to 3.00 PM dated 20.08.2025. The estimated value of the procurement is about Rs. 16.25 crores. Interested eligible bidders may obtain detailed information of the bidding documents at the sites http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and the departmental website http://dta.rajasthan.gov.in.

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Bids (on EPC Mode) for "Construction of RUB in between Sitawali Phatak and Benar Phatak, JDA, Jaipur (Between 91spl & 92Spl)" in Jaipur District are invited from interested bidders upto 3-00 PM on 12-08-2025. Other particulars of the bid may be seen on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state; and http:// pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 1250.31 lacs.

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LOOKOUT NOTICE

The person in the photo is the accused in the case under Crime No. 451/25 u/s 63(a), 63(b), 64(1), 351(3) BNS, 4(1), 3(a), 3(b), 7, 8 of POCSO Act. Any information about the accused Mirajul Haq, a native of Nagaon district, Assam State, who is absconding after the crime, please inform the Edathala Police, Kerala State on the following phone numbers.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that, our client intends to acquire the immoveable property, morefully described in the **Schedule** hereto (**"Schedule Property"**) from its owner, Mrs. Mira Angeline Cummins alias Mira Fordyce Cummins (daughter of Mrs.Dhanalakshmi Fordyce) having her permanent residence at No. 3, Banool Avenue Kew, 3101, Melbourne Victoria, Australia (**"Owner"**). The said Owner has represented that she is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property and having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Public is notified that any person/s having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property or to the above transaction are hereby called upon to file their objections to the undersigned with supporting documents within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that no person, except the said owner, has any right over the Schedule Property and claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing Municipal No. 50 (Old No. 4/A and later No. 14), BBMP EPID No. 5156959377 having a sital area of 25,824 square feet along with buildings constructed thereon situated at Lavelle Road, Shantala Nagara, Ward No. 111, Bengaluru and bounded on its : **East by :** Municipal Drain and Walkers Property; **West by :** Lavelle Road ; **North by :** Property bearing No. 15, Lavelle Road; and **South by :** Property bearing No. 12, Lavelle Road.

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NOTICE OF 59th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the **59th Annual General Meeting ("AGM")** of the members of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited ("Company") will be held on **Monday,** the **25th August 2025** at **10:00 AM** (IST) through Video Conference / Other Audio Visual Means **("VC/OAVM")** to transact the businesses as set out in the notice of the AGM.

Notice of AGM and Annual Report:

In compliance with the MCA & SEBI Circular(s), the Notice setting out the businesses to be transacted at the 59th AGM together with the Integrated Annual Report of the Company for the year 2024-25 has been sent on **Friday,** the **1st August, 2025** through electronic mode to the members whose email address is registered with the Company / Depository Participant(s). The Notice and the Integrated Annual Report are also available on the Company's website at **https://cpcl.co.in/investors/financials/annual-reports/** and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at **www.bseindia.com** and **www.nseindia.com** respectively, and on the website of KFin Technologies Ltd. at **www.kfintech.com.**

Remote e-voting and e-voting during AGM:

The Company provides to the members through KFin Technologies Ltd. the facility to cast their vote(s) on the business as set out in the Notice of the 59th AGM through remote e-voting facility ("remote e-voting") as well as during the AGM to those members who could not cast their vote(s) through remote e-voting. Members are requested to note the following:

I. the company has fixed **Monday**, the **18th August 2025** as the **'Cut Off date'** to ascertain the eligibility of members to vote through remote e-voting or by e-voting at the AGM.

ii. a person, whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. **Monday,** the **18th August 2025,** only, shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting for voting at the AGM.

iii. the remote e-voting period shall be available as under:

Commencement of remote e-voting : from 09:00 am (IST) on Thursday, the 21st August 2025

End of remote e-voting : till 05:00 pm (IST) on Sunday, the 24th August 2025

iv. any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and holds shares as on the cut-off date, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at **evoting.cpcl@kfintech.com.** However, if the member is already registered with KFin Technologies Ltd. for remote e-voting then he/she can use their existing User ID and password for casting the vote.

v. the members who have cast their vote through remote e-voting prior to the AGM can also attend / participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again at the AGM.

vi. the remote e-voting module shall be disabled by KFin Technologies Ltd. after **5.00 PM** (IST) on **Sunday,** the **24th August 2025.** The votes once cast by the member, cannot be changed subsequently.

vii. those members, who intend to participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM facility and could not cast their vote on the resolutions through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-voting during the AGM.

viii. the manner of voting for members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email address has been provided in the Notice of the AGM.

Members are requested to carefully read all the Notes set out in the Notice of the AGM with respect to instructions for joining the AGM, manner of casting vote etc.

Contact Details:

In case of any queries related to e-voting, the members may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting user manual for members available at the download section of **https://evoting.kfintech.com** or call on toll free no.: 1800-309-4001 or contact Mr.Mohd. Mohsin, Senior Manager, KFin Technologies Ltd., at the designated email ID: **evoting.cpcl@kfintech.com** or Phone No.: +91 40 6716 1700 / 09177401094 to get their grievances on e-voting addressed.

For Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited
Sd/-
P. Shankar
Company Secretary
M.No. A7624

Place : Chennai
Dated : 1st August, 2025

INBRIEF

Former CJI D.Y. Chandrachud vacates official residence

Former Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has vacated the official residence of the head of the judiciary in the national capital. Justice Chandrachud, who was the 50th Chief Justice of India, had superannuated on November 8, 2024. Recently, a controversy had arisen over his stay at the official residence of the CJI at 5 Krishna Menon Marg, New Delhi, beyond permissible time. Talking to *PTI* on July 7, Justice Chandrachud had cleared the air saying that his luggage was packed and he, along with his wife and children, would soon move to a paid government accommodation. PTI

'Former Jharkhand CM Shibu Soren on ventilator support'

Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Shibu Soren is currently on ventilator support and in a critical condition, sources said on Saturday. He has been admitted to the Sri Ganga Ram Hospital in the national capital for over a month due to a kidney-related issue. Mr. Shibu, 81, has been receiving regular treatment at the hospital for an extended period. "He was admitted here recently, so we came to see him. His health issues are currently being examined," Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said on June 24 when his father was admitted. Shibu Soren has been the leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha for the past 38 years and is recognised as the party's founding patron. PTI

Air India privatisation a disaster, says Manish Tewari

Congress leader Manish Tewari has called the government's decision to privatise Air India and transfer its ownership to the Tata Group a "disaster" over complaints about cancellations and delays. In a post on X on Friday, Mr. Tewari described the airline as a "management mess". "Government of India should take Air India back from the Tata Group. They have run the airline into the ground," he wrote. He claimed that the cancellations and delays by Air India were happening without any explanations. Tata Group took over Air India in January 2022 after it won the bid invited by the government for selling its 100% stake in the erstwhile national carrier.

Air India crash: U.K. families await DNA confirmation

British families, waiting for the remains of relatives aboard the London-bound Air India 171 plane that crashed soon after take-off from the Ahmedabad airport, are expecting confirmation on DNA matches after high-level India-U.K. government talks, their legal team has said. Keystone Law, which has been working with aviation experts to assist many of the families who lost loved ones in the June 12 crash, called for urgency in the process this week. "The U.K. and Indian governments have held high-level talks, as a result of the international media coverage of this problem," said James Healy-Pratt, Aviation Partner at Keystone Law. PTI

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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12 labourers injured as landslip hits hydropower project site in Chamoli

There were nearly 300 labourers at work at the project site when the landslip occurred, says District Magistrate; SDRF personnel, police, and Health Department officials rushed to the spot

Press Trust of India
GOPESHWAR

Twelve labourers were injured when a landslip hit the Vishnugad hydroelectric project site near Helang in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand on Saturday, an official said.

Nearly 300 labourers were at work at the site of the project of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Ltd., District Magistrate Sandeep Tiwari said. They ran for their lives as a rock began to roll down a hill. Four of them were seriously injured, while eight sustained minor injuries, Mr. Tiwari said.

All injured labourers have been admitted to Vivekanand Hospital at Pipalkoti, he said.

One of them has a leg fracture. Another worker, who needed a spinal MRI scan to reveal the severity of his injury, was being taken in an ambulance to a hospital in Srinagar, Pauri district, the District Magistrate said.

Close shave: SDRF personnel at the site after a landslip hit the Vinshnugad hydel project site near Helang in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand on Saturday. PTI

Work suspended

Work has been suspended for the time being at the project site.

"THDC has been asked to resume work at the site only after ensuring the safety of those at work," Mr. Tiwari said.

Personnel from the State Disaster Response Force, and the Police and Health departments have rushed to the project site.

The THDC is building a barrage to regulate Alaknanda river water from Helang near Joshimath. Water from the barrage will be taken to Pipalkoti through a tunnel, where electricity will be generated with turbines.

In 2021, the barrage site was damaged due to a flood in the Alaknanda river.

Odisha girl allegedly set afire dies; police reject attack angle

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

From the probe it is clear that 'no other person' was involved, say State police

A 15-year-old girl who sustained over 75% burns after being allegedly set on fire by unidentified miscreants in Puri district of Odisha on July 19 died at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, on Saturday.

In a major twist, the State police, just hours after the girl's death, said "no other person" was involved in the incident. Earlier reports had said she was waylaid by three persons and set ablaze.

The Crime Branch of Odisha had taken over the investigation as the incident sparked nationwide outrage, coming just days after a college student self-immolated on the campus of Fakir Mohan Autonomous College in Balasore.

The Mohan Majhi-led BJP government, already under fire over the Balasore incident, came under renewed criticism from the Opposition parties, which intensified their demand for improved women's safety measures.

"According to the investigation so far, it is clear that no other person is involved. Therefore, we request everyone not to make any sensitive comments during this tragic moment," the Odisha Police said in a post on X.

Statements recorded

The girl had been airlifted from the AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, to Delhi for advanced treatment. At both hospitals, the investigation teams are said to have recorded her statement several times. Though she suffered 75% burns, she was able to speak. The police will soon come out with a detailed probe report.

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi expressed grief. Odisha Congress chief Bhakta Charan Das sought stringent action in the case and justice for the girl. The Biju Janata Dal demanded a compensation of ₹2 crore to the next of kin of the girl. Despite the police's revelation, the party sought the arrest of the trio said to be responsible for the incident.

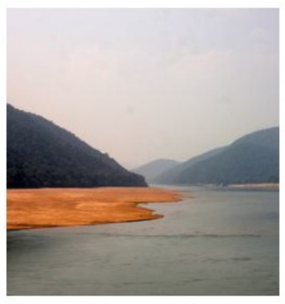
Odisha, Chhattisgarh may 'amicably' resolve Mahanadi water row

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

After a prolonged legal battle in a designated tribunal over sharing of the Mahanadi river water, Odisha and Chhattisgarh have now expressed willingness to resolve the dispute amicably between themselves.

Upon being informed by the two States that they would give a chance for an amicable settlement, the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal (MWDT), chaired by the former Supreme Court judge Justice Bela M. Trivedi, on Saturday fixed the next date of hearing on September 6.

"We deem it appropriate to give more time to resolve the dispute amicably as may be possible and apprise the tribunal about the progress of the same on the next date," the tribunal said in its order. It directed the Secretaries concerned of the two States to remain present before the tribunal on the next date to apprise the body of the progress of the settlement talks between the two States.



A file photo of the Mahanadi river flowing at Tikarpada in Angul district of Odisha.

Pitambar Acharya, Odisha's Advocate-General, had placed proceedings of a high-level meeting and a letter of Chief Minister Mohan Majhi to his Chhattisgarh counterpart, Vishnu Deo Sai, and the latter's reply before the tribunal stating that the matter of settlement of the dispute between the two States was under consideration. The senior advocate for Chhattisgarh also acknowledged the development.

In the letter addressed to Mr. Sai on July 25, Mr. Majhi had proposed that under the guidance of the Union Jal Shakti Ministry, a joint committee of the States led by the Central Water Commission (CWC) may be established.

Helicopter operators miffed with unofficial ban on flying in Uttarakhand

Ishita Mishra
Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Helicopter operators have slammed the Uttarakhand government for its "unofficial ban" on chopper flights following a series of air crashes. Objecting to Uttarakhand's proposed aviation norms, the operators insist that only the country's national aviation safety regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), should set safety standards.

"There is a complete stoppage of helicopters flying, which includes charter services for Char Dham routes and all non-scheduled chopper flights because of the Uttarakhand government's decision, though there is no such safety directive from the DGCA," Group Captain R.K. Bali (retd), managing director, Business Aircraft Operators Association (BAOA), said. The decision was a knee-jerk reaction, Mr. Bali said, in a reference to the five helicopter crashes in May and June.

Helicopter operators say only the Directorate General of Civil Aviation should set safety standards. FILE PHOTO

The industry body has also written to the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA), asserting that the DGCA is the "sole regulatory authority" empowered to assess and direct aviation safety measures.

A senior UCADA official denied the existence of a "blanket ban" other than the temporary suspension of shuttle services for pilgrims to Kedarnath in the rainy season, as it's done every year. "Normal helicopter services, and schemes such as UDAN (to promote air connectivity in remote areas), the Mukhyamantri Udan Khatola Scheme, etc., are running," UCADA CEO Ashish Chauhan said.

However, operators who fly in the State, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the State government was "discouraging" all forms of helicopter services. Operators have also criticised UCADA's draft guidelines, with the State seeking to raise the minimum number of flying hours for helicopter pilots from 1,000 hours to 1,500 hours. They have raised concerns over the draft's stringent enforcement norms, including suspension of flight permissions, and the revocation of operating rights after inspections.

IndiGo bans passenger for 30 days for assaulting a co-traveller

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

IndiGo on Saturday announced a interim flying ban on a passenger for 30 days for assaulting a co-traveller on a Mumbai-Kolkata flight after the latter suffered a panic attack aboard and demanded that the aircraft return to the parking bay.

The Bidhannagar police, in a post on X, identified the assailant as Hafijul Rahman and the victim as Hossain Ahmed Majumder. They were arrested after the airline reported the assailant as an unruly passenger to the airport security on Friday. They were released on bail. The arrest of the duo was made under Section 170 (arrest to prevent the commission of cognisable offences) and Section 120 (procedure of binding the offenders to court if there is a likelihood of breach of peace) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, said Divisional Deputy Commissioner of Police for Airport Division, Aishwarya Sagar.

Post offices across India to accept digital payments soon

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Even as India Post phases out its "Registered Post" service and merges it with Speed Post, the Department of Posts has indicated that it will firm up its logistics for transporting mail and upgrade its IT systems.

A key initiative has been integrating Unified Payments Interface (UPI) at the time of booking Speed Post, which will prevent individual post offices from declining digital payments.

One way in which India Post has said it will firm up its domestic mail transport is by ensuring that mail bags have enough room on flights across India.

The Hindu had first reported on July 9 India Post's intention to reserve such "hard blocks" on passenger flights' spare room in the cargo hold. On July 17, the postal department issued the tender to this effect, inviting airlines to bid for these hard block contracts.

UPI request

Post offices across the country have also been upgrading their IT systems in phases. Aside from accepting UPI in a so-called "collect mechanism", where a mail article is booked as soon as a UPI request is paid, the new system also includes more fields in tracking, such as the next post office a particular package or letter is headed to while in transmission.

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This new Advanced Postal Technology (APT) system has been rolled out in some of the major metro cities, such as Delhi and Chennai. Large parts of Mumbai will transition on August 4, the department said.

In Delhi, over a dozen post offices were upgraded last month, and over 400 post offices did not accept bookings on Saturday as they also undertook the upgrades. Over 86,000 post offices have been upgraded to the new systems so far, representing over half the postal network in India.

Better user experience

"The APT application is designed to offer an enhanced user experience, faster service delivery, and a more customer-friendly interface, reflecting our unwavering commitment to delivering smarter, efficient, and future-ready postal operations," the Ministry of Communications said in a statement.

Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, the Minister of State for Communications, reviewed some of the upgrade work earlier this week. Postal officials said the APT was "designed to introduce real-time track and trace capabilities, customised services for bulk customers, electronic proof of delivery, OTP-based authentication, digital payments, and open API integration," according to a statement.

Two officials told *The Hindu* that the department was working on an email-like system that would allow letters to be redirected seamlessly when addressees shift their residence. The DIGIPIN initiative, which allows for more precise latitude-longitude data in a PIN code, has also been launched this year.

INBRIEF

Federal Bank Q1 net slips 15% on core income hit, NPA rise

Federal Bank's net profit slid 15% to ₹862 crore in the June quarter as a compression in margins hit core income and an uptick in bad assets led to higher provisions. The bank management said that the second half of the fiscal year must see higher credit growth, and also an uptick in the net interest margins and blamed industry-wide issues on the microfinance front for the uptick in non-performing assets. Core net interest income rose by just 2% to ₹2,337 crore. PTI

Cholamandalam Investment Q1 net up 21% to ₹1,135.91 cr.

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd., the financial services division of the diversified conglomerate Murugappa Group, reported a 21% growth in its April-June 2025 net profit to ₹1,135.91 crore, company officials said. The total income during the quarter under review grew by 26% to ₹7,330.78 crore compared with ₹5,828.97 crore registered in the corresponding quarter of the last financial year, the company said in a release on Saturday. PTI

GHV Infra bags ₹2,645-crore worth contract in the UAE

GHV Infra Projects said it bagged a project worth ₹2,645 crore from Rana Exim FZ-LLC in the UAE for the development of a smart manufacturing hub. The project is valued at about ₹2,645 crore and likely to be completed within 24 months, excluding 90 days of initial set-up and mobilisation period, the company said in a filing. "With this order, the total order book of the company has risen to over ₹7,000 crore," said GHV Group chairman Jahid Vijapura. PTI

Exporters fear tariffs likely to dent high volume U.S. market

Exporters demand reintroduction of interest subvention scheme, moratorium on loans, among other steps, to boost resilience

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No substitute: For some textile products, 60% to 70% exports go to the U.S. and no other market offers similar volumes, say exporters.

Exporters of textiles, garments and engineering goods fear the 25% U.S. tariff will not only lead to loss of orders but also put them in a quandary as no other market offers such high-volume demand as the U.S. for several products.

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal met delegations from the textile and engineering export councils on Saturday and discussed the possible impact of the tariff and the measures required from the government.

"We have impressed upon the Minister that for some textile products, 60% to 70% exports go to the U.S., said a textile exporter. "Similarly, for products such as bed linen, India is the largest supplier in the U.S. We cannot get such high volume orders from any other market and if we lose the U.S. buyers, firms supplying these products will be hit hard and will not be able to get back these buyers,"

No new orders

At present, many U.S. buyers are not placing new orders as they want to see if there will be a change in tariff. Some buyers are asking Indian suppliers to bear the additional cost, exporters say.

Volume game

In the case of engineering goods too, the U.S. has been the leading buyer of some of the products for several years. "Exporters have already explored the other markets. Hence, it will be difficult to find new markets that will give similar volume orders.

"Competing countries for engineering goods have relatively lower tariff. Countries with tariffs higher than India are really not competitors. Exports to the U.S. are going to face challenges. Hence, there should be a detailed study now on the product lines that will be hit by the 25 % tariff," said an engineering exporter.

At the meeting on Saturday, the delegations pointed out given the current tariff situation, the government should reintroduce the interest subvention scheme. Banks charge 8.5% to 9% interest. Indian exporters, mainly micro, small and medium-scale enterprises suffer 2% to 3% disadvantage because of the high interest rates in India compared with the competing countries.

Now, they will face higher cost disadvantage due to tariffs. Hence, the government should resume the interest subvention scheme. Exporters have also sought other supportive steps such as a moratorium on loan repayment from the government so that they can supply at competing prices to the U.S. buyers, they said.

The Centre has "not given any direction to oil firms" to cut back imports from Russia.

India will keep buying Russia oil, say govt. sources

Reuters

India will keep purchasing oil from Russia despite U.S. President Donald Trump's threats of penalties, two Indian government sources said, not wishing to be identified due to the sensitivity of the matter.

"These are long-term oil contracts," one of the sources said. "It is not so simple to just stop buying overnight."

Mr. Trump last month indicated in a Truth Social post that India would face additional penalties for purchases of Russian arms and oil. On Friday, Mr. Trump told reporters that he had heard that India would no longer be buying oil from Russia.

The New York Times on Saturday quoted two unnamed senior Indian officials as saying there had been no change in Indian government policy, with one official saying the government had "not given any direction to oil companies" to cut back imports from Russia.

'Power exchange DAM coupling may yield little benefit'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The reported increase in social welfare of ₹38 crore in DAM is only theoretical.

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission's (CERC) proposed implementation of market coupling in Day Ahead Market (DAM) segment of power exchanges from January may have little benefit for the power sector and is contrary to the findings of the pilot study conducted by Grid Controller of India, according to industry officials and analysts.

They said the marginal improvements do not offer a 'compelling rationale' for implementing market coupling on a full scale, particularly in the absence of a detailed 'robustness and sensitivity' analysis. They added even the January timeline for implementation would be challenging.

"Results of the shadow pilot conducted by Grid-India released in July 2025 do not indicate any significant benefits from market coupling. This is in line with the earlier CERC order dated 6th February 2024," said an industry official

Welfare up a tad

"In the DAM segment, overall welfare rose by a negligible 0.3%, and overall volume cleared increased by only 0.2%. Similarly, in the Real-Time Market (RTM) segment, both overall welfare increase and increase in volume cleared saw an insignificant gain of 0.01%," the official said.

Further, the increase of social welfare by ₹38 crore in case of DAM coupling doesn't mean there will be saving of ₹38 crore, the official said.

"Savings will be miniscule, if at all. The reported increase in social welfare of ₹38 crore in DAM is theoretical, used for algorithmic modelling and does not imply actual consumer savings," the official added.

"Introducing central market coupling mechanism risks adding complexity, delaying market operations and duplicating functions, without resolving core challenges such as market liquidity, deepening of participation, or improving investor confidence," the official said.

Industry officials said while the idea was presented as 'market coupling', the proposed design more closely resembles 'exchange coupling' with no precedence globally.

While Grid-India gave a detailed report to CERC, the Commission's order does not adequately reflect the comprehensive findings of that report.

Quick export rally unlikely amid U.S. tariff row: CUB MD

Sanjay Vijayakumar
CHENNAI

The bank is seeing a decline in gross and net NPAs in the last 8-10 quarters, says Kamakodi.

MSMEs expecting a rebound in export growth would now have to reconcile to the fact it would not happen quickly amid a 25% tariff imposed by the U.S., N. Kamakodi, MD and CEO, City Union Bank (CUB) told *The Hindu*.

The bank's MSME loan book was almost 50%. About ₹1,200 crore of the ₹55,000-crore book has exposure to exports. Out of this, ₹200 crore will be focused on U.S. exports, Mr. Kamakodi pointed out.

MSMEs diversify

"MSMEs have been able to survive by diversifying into other markets and focusing on the domestic market. The rupee depreciation is also helping them in their exports to other countries and offering them a cushion," he said.

"Though it is challenging, entrepreneurs would reinvent themselves and bounce back," he said.

On financial performance, he said the bank faced growth challenges in the financial year 2022-2023 and it stabilised in the financial year 2024-2025.

Credit growth

"We closed the financial year 2024-2025 with 14% credit growth," he said.

"The same momentum is continuing. We had a credit growth of 16% for the first quarter of 2025-2026, with growth coming in from all segments," Mr. Kamakodi added.

He also said the industry-wise concerns expressed around deposit growth during the same time in the last financial year has normalised now. The bank's deposits grew 20% in the first quarter of 2025-2026.

CASA growth

Mr. Kamakodi said there is around ₹500 crore incremental growth in Current Account Savings Account (CASA) deposits in the first quarter of 2025-2026 from the fourth quarter of 2024-2025.

He also said the bank is seeing a decline in gross and net non-performing assets (NPA) in the last 8-10 quarters and the trend is expected to continue.

The lender is looking to grow 2-3% more than the industry growth during the current financial year, Mr. Kamakodi said.

As per regulations, Mr. Kamakodi, who has been at the helm of the bank for 14 years now, has to step down and hand over the responsibilities to his successor on April 30, 2026.

"The succession planning will kick start from October. A panel has to send names to the regulator for approval and a final decision would be taken. It will take another 3-4 months," he added.

M&M to make open offer for SML Isuzu shares, rejigs board

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) said it acquired 58.96% stake in SML Isuzu Ltd. (SML) from Sumitomo Corporation, Japan and Isuzu Motors Ltd., Japan and as part of the transaction would also unveil mandatory open offer for acquisition of up to 26% stake from shareholders of SML as per SEBI norms.

M&M said the board of directors of SML has been reconstituted. Vinod Sahay, president - aerospace & defence, trucks, buses & CE - Mahindra Group, has been appointed as executive ehairman of SML Isuzu, effective August 3.

Venkat Srinivas has been appointed as the ED & CEO effective August 1.

The board of directors of SML has also approved a change in the name of the firm to 'SML Mahindra Ltd.' subject to approvals

In April 2025, M&M had entered into an agreement to acquire a 58.96% equity stake in SML at ₹650 per share, representing a total investment of ₹555 crore.

Mr. Sahay who is a member of the group executive board of Mahindra Group, in addition to his new role in SML Isuzu Ltd, will continue to serve as president - aerospace & defence, trucks, buses and construction equipment sector of Mahindra Group.

JSW Cement cuts IPO size to ₹3,600 cr., offer for public on Aug. 7

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

JSW Cement, part of Sajjan Jindal-promoted diversified JSW Group, is set to launch its truncated ₹3,600-crore initial public offering (IPO) on August 7.

The total size of the issue, however, is lower than the earlier proposed issue of up to ₹4,000 crore, according to the latest RHP.

The IPO will open for public subscription on August 7 and close on August 11 while the anchor investor bidding date would be August 6 for JSW Cement, according to the Red Herring Prospectus (RHP).

The initial share sale comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth ₹1,600 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of shares worth up to ₹2,000 crore by investor shareholders.

As a part of OFS, private equity giant Apollo Management, via affiliate AP Asia Opportunistic Holdings Pte. Ltd., will offload shares of ₹931.80 crore, Synergy Metals Investments Holding Ltd. will sell shares worth ₹938.50 crore while State Bank of India will divest shares valued at ₹129.70 crore.

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Tropical rain destabilises oceans only when it falls lightly

Vasudevan Mukunth

When it rains over the ocean, does it make the surface water more buoyant? Scientists have long assumed so because rainwater is fresh and freshwater is lighter than seawater. However, a new study by researchers at the University of Washington in Seattle, U.S., has found that the answer is actually more complicated. The study was published in July.

Rain in the tropics often comes with large clouds and cold, dry air called cold pools. These cold pools can actually cool the ocean's surface by blocking sunlight and increasing the transfer of heat from the water to the air. So instead of making the surface lighter, which would help mix waters in the ocean, rain sometimes makes the surface heavier and more stable.

Buoyancy flux

The researchers used data from 22 buoys across the equatorial oceans that measure rainfall, sea surface temperature, wind speed, and heat transfer. The duo analysed more than 31,000 hours of rainfall events from this data, focusing on the buoyancy flux, which combines the effects of heat and freshwater.

If the buoyancy flux is positive, the ocean surface is less stable and promotes mixing.

They found that during light rain (0.2-4 mm/hr), buoyancy flux was often positive, meaning it tends to destabilise the ocean and promote mixing. But during heavier rain, the buoyancy flux was almost always negative, meaning the ocean surface was more stable. This is because heavy rain is usually accompanied by stronger cold pools that pull heat out of the ocean more effectively.

The study also found that at night, rainfall was more likely to cause instability than during the day. Geography also mattered: the researchers identified a 'cold rain zone', mainly in the western Pacific and Indian Oceans, where rain was associated with more heat loss, and a 'hot rain zone' in the central Pacific where heat loss was less intense.

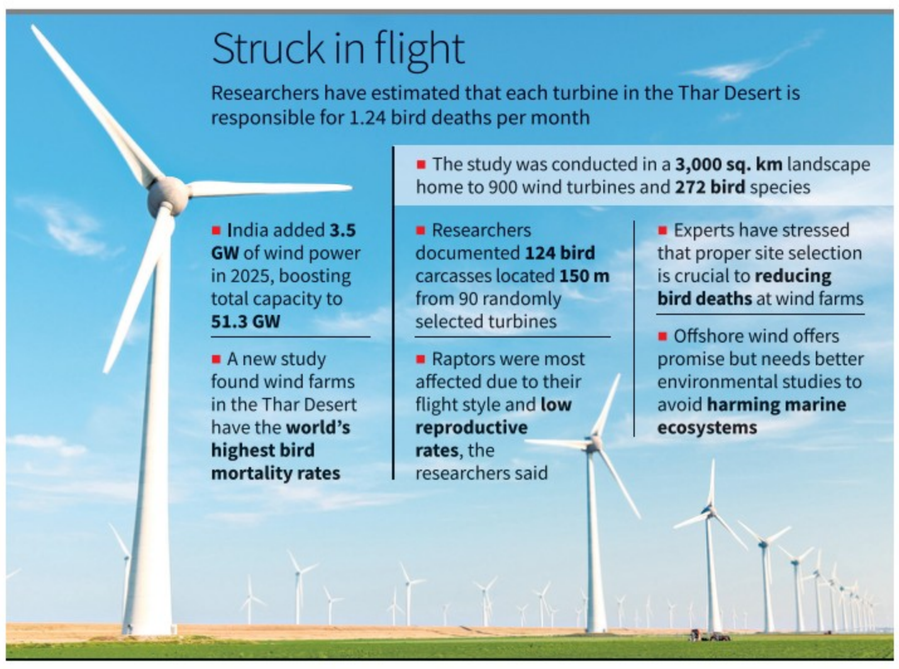
These differences were tied to sea surface temperatures and the strength of the accompanying atmospheric downdrafts.

"The sky doesn't just water the sea, it alters its balance," Dipanjan Chaudhuri, a postdoc at the Applied Physics Laboratory at the University of Washington and the study's first author, said. "This matters because ocean mixing plays a key role in regulating the climate by transporting heat, carbon, and nutrients. Any gaps in understanding how rainfall affects the ocean can lead to inaccuracies in weather and climate predictions."

World's highest bird death rates at Thar Desert wind farms

Across seven multi-season surveys, Wildlife Institute of India researchers searched for bird carcasses within a 150-m radius of 90 randomly selected wind turbines and found 124

Nikhil Sreekandan


Struck in flight
Researchers have estimated that each turbine in the Thar Desert is responsible for 1.24 bird deaths per month
India added 3.5 GW of wind power in 2025, boosting total capacity to 51.3 GW
A new study found wind farms in the Thar Desert have the world's highest bird mortality rates
The study was conducted in a 3,000 sq. km landscape home to 900 wind turbines and 272 bird species
Researchers documented 124 bird carcasses located 150 m from 90 randomly selected turbines
Raptors were most affected due to their flight style and low reproductive rates, the researchers said
Experts have stressed that proper site selection is crucial to reducing bird deaths at wind farms
Offshore wind offers promise but needs better environmental studies to avoid harming marine ecosystems

In the first half of 2025, India added around 3.5 GW to the wind sector - an 82% year-on-year growth - taking the total installed capacity to 51.3 GW. According to the National Institute of Wind Energy, India's gross wind power potential is 1163.9 GW at 150 m above ground level. India's ambitious climate goals and surging energy demands mean renewable energy development will continue to accelerate.

Experts are concerned, however, that the addition of wind power capacity has been coming at the expense of avian welfare. For years, researchers have raised concerns about the impact of wind turbines on fauna, particularly birds. A study by the Wildlife Institute of India, published recently in *Scientific Reports*, has estimated that bird mortality rates at wind farms are the highest in the world in India's Thar Desert.

The study was conducted in a 3,000 sq. km desert landscape in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, home to around 900 wind turbines and 272 bird species, including the critically endangered great Indian bustard (*Ardeotis nigriceps*). Across seven multi-season surveys, Wildlife Institute researchers searched for bird carcasses within a 150-m radius of 90 randomly selected wind turbines and found 124.

The estimated annual bird mortality per 1,000 sq. km came up to 4,464 birds after correcting for non-detection due to vegetation cover or carcass degradation during the survey and due to carcass scavenging before the survey. The researchers conducted similar surveys at 28 randomly selected control sites (between 500 and 2,000 m of any turbine) to account for the natural mortality of birds and found no carcasses.

"Very few studies have robust data to have accurate assessments that correct for detection issues and have controls for comparison," Yadvendradev Jhala, one of the authors of the study, said.

A 2019 study documented bird deaths at wind farms in Kutch and Davangere. However, the estimate of 0.47 bird deaths per turbine per year at both sites now pale in comparison to the 1.24 bird deaths per turbine per month in Thar.

"It's quite a high estimate, but that's quite possible," Ramesh Kumar Selvaraj, an independent consultant and author of the 2019 paper, said. The mortality rate "will vary depending on geography, season, and other factors."

Bird density, infrastructure density, and configuration are also crucial factors, according to Jhala. The Thar Desert is also part of the Central Asian Flyway, a major migration route for birds across Eurasia, and a prominent wintering destination.

The desert mortality estimates also included bird collisions with power lines linked to the wind turbines. The Gujarat and Karnataka study didn't include this cause.

Per both studies, raptors were the most affected group of birds, echoing findings worldwide.

Organisations like Birdlife International have proposed several mitigation measures to reduce bird collisions with wind turbines, including painting one of the turbine blades to increase visibility and shutting turbines down at a certain time of day or season. However, Selvaraj said the most crucial step in mitigation is to carefully select the site of a wind farm.

From land to ocean

Offshore wind farms are emerging as a valuable renewable energy resource worldwide. According to the Global Wind Energy Council, operational offshore wind capacity worldwide is currently around 83 GW. With a coastline stretching across 7,600 km and exclusive economic zones covering 2.3 million sq. km, India has considerable offshore potential of its own. It aims to install 30 GW of capacity by 2030.

However, despite the growing interest, there has been limited research on the environmental consequences of offshore wind farms. Offshore wind energy is a complex infrastructure asset that requires detailed marine spatial planning exercises to assess environmental and social impacts, according to Gopal K. Sarangi, head of the Department of Policy and Management Studies at the TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi.

According to the National Offshore Wind Energy Policy, unlike other renewable energy developments in the country, environmental impact assessments are essential for offshore wind energy.

The rapid environmental impact assessment report of the proposed offshore wind farm in the Gulf of Khambhat in Gujarat documented five marine mammals, including dolphins, sharks, and a reptile within the study area. While the report recognised that increased turbidity and noise levels during the construction phase of the wind farm may drive away highly sensitive species, it deemed the noise and vibrations during the operation phase to be "limited".

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Simpler tests could slash biosimilar costs, widen access

Gayatri Saberwal

Most of the drugs that we consume are called 'small molecule drugs'. Their chemical structure is reasonably simple. Disprin, for instance, has a molecular weight of around 180 daltons. There is another breed of drugs that are very large, complex molecules. For instance, the molecular weight of insulin is around 5,800 daltons and that of the monoclonal antibody remicade, about 150,000 daltons. (One dalton is equal to one-12th the mass of a carbon-12 atom.)

Small molecule drugs also tend to have fixed structures that do not change for the duration of their use. In contrast, the complex molecules, which we call biologics, are produced in biological systems and therefore during their production slight variations in the structure may arise. However, these variations may have no impact on the stability of the molecule, its efficacy or its side effects.

'No competitor'

When a company produces a small molecule drug for the first time, it seeks patent protection for that drug. That is, no competitor may make that drug for several years. It is only when the drug goes 'off patent' that competitors may make it.

In the absence of competition, the originator company can price the drug very high.

Once there is competition, the competitor companies produce generics, which are copies of the original drug. They don't undertake the research and development to make the drug and they may not spend as much on marketing and sales, so the costs of generics are also much lower. Most of the drugs that you and I take are generics and are priced very cheaply compared to the originator drug. A good example is Sovaldi, a drug used to treat hepatitis C: it originally cost $84,000 for a 12-week course in the U.S. but that dropped to $1,000 once Indian generic firms started making it. Largely, it is generic drugs that keep us in India alive and well.

A supervisor inspects syringes of a biosimilar of Adalimumab at a Zydus Group facility in Changodar, Gujarat, 2014. AFP

Since biologics made by a generic firm will be produced by different biological systems, they may not be identical to those made by the originator company. Thus they are called biosimilars, not generics.

For many years, a debate has raged over how much proof is required for a manufacturer to prove that a given biosimilar will work as well as the original biologic drug. Therefore, whereas much simpler testing was required to show that a generic small molecule was working like the originator molecule, there are more elaborate and expensive tests for biosimilars.

Major drug regulators such as those of the U.S., the U.K., and in Europe have been working to determine how they can simplify the requirements for approving a biosimilar, in view of the availability of modern analytical techniques. For example, the U.K. has removed animal trials and the US has planned to replace them with more human-relevant methods (like using organoids). In India, this requirement has not yet been updated although there is a proposal to waive animal studies on a case-by-case basis. Some have also argued that India should follow the practices of the U.K. and the U.S. The same holds for the more expensive clinical trials, which in the U.K. are currently required only in certain cases.

More options

Biosimilars need to be made less expensively while ensuring efficacy and minimal adverse effects. The larger the number of affordable biosimilars, the more options we will have for our patients.

(Gayatri Saberwal is a consultant at the Tata Institute for Genetics and Society)

SNAPSHOTS

Potatoes evolved from tomatoes 9M years ago

Scientists studied the DNA of over 100 potato and related plants and found that every potato species is a genetic mix that formed when wild tomatoes and *Etuberosum* plants crossed about 90 lakh years ago. Each modern potato still carries roughly 40% tomato-type and 60% *Etuberosum* genes. The new lineage could survive drought, cold mountain climates, and reproduce asexually. The cross triggered a burst of evolution: today potatoes include 107 wild species and form the crop that feeds millions.

Diet changes can drive evolutionary anatomy, too

Scientists tracked what ancient monkeys and human relatives ate by measuring isotopes levels in fossil teeth. They found that in *Theropithecus* monkeys, the diet shifted about 42 lakh years ago but their teeth only changed 9 lakh years later. In human lineage, grass-eating came first and dental remodelling followed 7 lakh years later. But around 23 lakh years ago, early humans switched from grasses to tubers. Altogether, the study showed that diets could steer evolutionary anatomy across vast timescales.

Signs of 828-km lightning bolt found in 2017 storm data

Scientists found the longest lightning bolt to date, spanning 828 km, in the data of an October 2017 thunderstorm over the southern US. The data was captured by space-based lightning sensors onboard the NOAA GOES-16 and other weather satellites. The colossal bolt beat the previous record by 61 km. Since the data also showed lightning can shoot beyond its parent cloud, the team reminded people to stay under cover for at least 30 minutes after thunder fades.

Question Corner

New depths

How deep in the ocean does life exist?

Life often finds a way to survive even in extreme conditions. For example, in 1960, when Don Walsh and Jacques Piccard explored the bottom of the Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench, they spotted a small fish at a depth of 8.1 km. On July 30, researchers exploring the Kuril-Kamchatka and Aleutian trenches discovered the deepest known communities of life powered by chemosynthesis, where organisms get energy from chemicals like methane and hydrogen sulphide instead of sunlight. The communities, dominated by worms called siboglinids and clams, thrived where chemical-rich fluids rose through geological faults. These fluids were created by microbes breaking down organic matter, producing methane that may form gas hydrates in the high-pressure conditions. Per the researchers, the finding suggests these ecosystems may be more widespread and highlights a potential new role for deep-sea microbes in the earth's carbon cycle: storing methane underground instead of letting it escape.

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Why is the U.K.'s stand on Palestine significant?

What role did Britain play in the Israel-Palestine question in 1917? What bearing does it have now?

Stanly Johny

The story so far

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced last week that his government would recognise the state of Palestine during the coming UN General Assembly session in September unless Israel agrees to a ceasefire in Gaza, allows more humanitarian aid and commits itself towards long-term peace based on the two-state formula.

What have other countries announced?

Mr. Starmer's remarks came shortly after French President Emmanuel Macron declared that Paris would recognise Palestinian statehood in September. Canada and Portugal have also expressed their intention to do the same. As the 21-month-long war on Gaza rages on, Israel is facing one of its biggest diplomatic crises with more and more countries in the West, Israel's traditional allies, adopting a favourable position towards Palestinian statehood.

How significant is this recognition drive?

Of the 193 UN member states, 147 have already recognised the state of Palestine. Until now, powerful Western countries had resisted such recognition, insisting it should be part of a final diplomatic settlement to the Israel-Palestine conflict. But that position is beginning to shift. Among the five members of the UN Security Council, Russia and China have already recognised Palestine. If France and the U.K. follow through with their recent statements, the U.S., Israel's closest ally and patron, will be isolated at the Council. France, the U.K. and Canada are also members of the G7 group of advanced economies, and their recognition could influence other countries to follow suit. Britain's move, in particular, carries historic weight, given its central role in the Israel-Palestine question. In the 1917 Balfour Declaration, Britain became the first major power to endorse the Zionist demand for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

What is the Balfour Declaration?

The declaration was issued by Sir Arthur Balfour, the British Foreign Secretary, on November 2, 1917, addressed to Lord Lionel Walter Rothschild, a Zionist and leader of the British Jewish community. In the letter, written in the midst of the First World War, Balfour stated: "His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object." Jews in Europe had already started migrating to Palestine, which was part of the Ottoman Empire until the end of the First World War, in the late 19th century. By the time the Balfour Declaration was issued, there were roughly 60,000 Jews in Palestine, accounting for over 9% of the total population. Zionist leaders then argued that the only viable solution to the 'Jewish question' was the establishment of a national home in Palestine.

> As images of Gaza's devastation and starving children come out, it has become untenable for many Western nations to continue to back Israel unconditionally

What did Britain do after the war?

While Britain pledged support for a Jewish home 'in Palestine', it had also promised to support Arab independence if the Arabs revolted against the Ottomans. But Britain and France had already entered into a secret agreement (Sykes-Picot) to divide the Ottoman lands once the war was over. After the war, Britain established a colonial administration in Palestine under the League of Nations Mandate. Over the following decades, Jewish migration to Palestine intensified. The Jewish community in Palestine began building their own institutions, from trade unions and industries to paramilitary groups and administrative frameworks. By the end of the Second World War, Jews made up 30% of the population.

Britain had concluded in the late 1930s that the mandate was unworkable, and supported the partition of Palestine. After the war, Britain informed the UN of its intention to end the Mandate, which was set to expire on May 15, 1948. On May 14, Zionist leaders unilaterally declared the state of Israel. Within minutes, the U.S. recognised the state. The declaration immediately triggered the First Arab Israel war.

Why will Britain recognise Palestine now?

Given the historical role Britain has played in the crisis, a British recognition of the state of Palestine, 108 years after the Balfour Declaration was issued, assumes enormous symbolic significance. It may not have an immediate impact on Israel's occupation of Palestine, but it clearly reflects a change in London's policy towards Israel and Palestine. As Israel is facing accusations of committing genocide against Palestinians, and images of Gaza's devastation and starving children are coming out, it becomes untenable for many Western nations to continue to back Israel unconditionally.

How will Trump's tariffs impact India?

What are the sectors that will need to rework their export strategies? Why are India's dealings with Russia under scrutiny? Will the 25% tariff and penalty affect GDP? Why hasn't a trade deal worked out between the two countries? What are the main areas of contention?

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan

The story so far:

On July 30, U.S. President Donald Trump announced 25% tariffs on imports from India "plus a penalty". While this puts to rest months of speculation over what the tariffs would be on Indian imports into the U.S., it opens up fresh uncertainties with respect to a potential bilateral trade agreement between India and the U.S.

What did Mr. Trump announce?

Taking to social media, Mr. Trump cited India's tariff and non-tariff measures on trade, and its dealing with Russia on energy and military equipment, as the main reasons behind imposing the 25% tariffs and the penalty. There is no clarity yet on what the penalty will look like, but Mr. Trump has in the past threatened a 10% additional tariff on BRICS countries. If this comes to pass, then effective tariffs on Indian imports would be 35%. There is also a legislation in the U.S. in the process of being passed that could see an additional 500% tariff on India, China, and Brazil for their dealings with Russia.

What does it mean for India?

Tariffs are paid by importers. Therefore, tariffs on Indian imports would be paid by those in the U.S. that are importing Indian goods. That is, Indian goods will become more expensive for them. Therein lies the true problem for India.

On a macro level, the tariffs and the impact they will have on Indian exports are expected to only lower India's GDP by 0.2%, according to research by the Bank of Baroda. So, if India's growth forecast had been 6.6%, then these tariffs – if they are imposed – could lower growth to 6.4%. However, the issue arises in individual sectors. According to the Bank of Baroda, sectors such as garments, precious stones, auto parts, leather products, and electronics (although their inclusion is uncertain) could face the pinch and would have to rework their strategies. "The issue really is that some of the competing nations like Vietnam (20%), Korea (15%) and Indonesia (19%) have lower tariffs compared with India," the Bank of Baroda added in its research note.

> India wants to keep core parts of its agriculture and dairy sectors out of trade deals

Economic shakedown: A student of Gurukul school of Art completes artwork around U.S. tariffs in Mumbai, on August 1. AP

How did things come to such a pass?

While most trade deals are negotiated over years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Trump in February 2025 announced that they would conclude the first tranche of a trade deal by fall. To put this in perspective, the recently-signed Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between India and the U.K. took about three years to negotiate.

What made the announcement by Mr. Modi and Mr. Trump notable was that it came before the latter's big moves on reciprocal tariffs, which is what pushed other countries to start negotiating with the U.S. The announcement was thus a strong and positive commitment towards strengthening ties between the two countries. But then, on April 2, Mr. Trump announced his Liberation Day reciprocal tariffs. These included a 10% baseline tariff for all countries, and additional tariffs on a country-by-country case. For India, this total was 26%. However, just a week later, Mr. Trump announced a 90-day pause on these tariffs so that bilateral deals could be struck so as to reduce the U.S.'s trade deficit with most of its trading partners. The 90-day pause was to end in July, but Mr. Trump extended it to August 1.

What are the points of friction?

It's hard to pinpoint any single recent development that has soured relations, but there have been several points of friction between the two countries in the past few months. The matter of India's tariffs and non-tariff barriers has been something Mr. Trump has been highlighting since his first term as President. It was no surprise that he would take up the issue in his second term.

Mr. Trump has brought up India's engagement with Russia, too, saying countries like India are partly financing Russia's war with Ukraine. India, however, has reiterated that it will secure its national and energy security, and if that means buying cheap Russian oil, then that is what it would do. Russia currently accounts for about 35-40% of India's oil imports, making it a significant partner. In addition, India has remained adamant about keeping core parts of its agriculture and dairy sectors out of trade deals, including with the U.S. This has upset negotiators on the U.S. side, but it is a 'red line' India will not cross. Opening up these sectors would expose India's relatively low-productivity farmers to global competition, which will likely have devastating impacts on their livelihoods.

Then, there is the fact that Mr. Trump has repeatedly stated that it was him, and his trade talks, that encouraged India and Pakistan to agree to a ceasefire following the launch of Operation Sindoor by India. The fact that the Indian government has refuted it has only further angered Mr. Trump. Mr. Trump's claims have irked the Indian establishment as well, since it has provided the Opposition a means to attack the government.

India has informed the World Trade Organization that it reserves the right to impose additional tariffs on imports from the U.S. to retaliate against its higher tariffs on items like steel, aluminium, and automobiles.

Taking these things together, Mr. Trump's tariff announcement comes as a confirmation that at least one, if not all of these factors, worked toward souring relations.

Will India continue paying these tariffs?

Although there has been a lot of talk about a 'mini-deal' between India and the U.S. to walk back the reciprocal tariffs, Indian officials have been cagey about the date for such a deal. The tariff announcement by Mr. Trump confirms that such a deal is not coming.

However, the two sides have been remarkably consistent about their commitment of having some sort of trade deal finalised by the fall 2025 deadline. So far, negotiators from the two sides have met in New Delhi and Washington five times, including the first meeting in March where the Terms of Reference for the negotiations were finalised. The team from the U.S. will visit India in late August to take forward the talks. Things have, however, become trickier for Indian negotiators because Mr. Trump has now directly linked India's dealings with Russia to India's trade relationship with the U.S.

The tariffs will come into effect soon. According to an Executive Order dated July 31, Mr. Trump said that his duties on India and other countries would come into effect "7 days after the date of this order".

What about deals with other countries?

Over the last month, Mr. Trump has concluded deals with the U.K., Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan, the EU, and South Korea. The deal with the U.K. does not specify a general tariff level, but it will see British car exports to the U.S. attract a 10% tariff, down from the earlier 27.5% and a removal of tariffs on aerospace exports to the U.S. Japan negotiated lower tariffs of 15% for its exports to the U.S., the same as the EU.

Why is NE on edge about Assam evictions?

What is the reason for an aggressive eviction drive from forestlands? What has been the reaction in neighbouring States? Why does Assam have boundary disputes with Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Nagaland? What has the Gauhati High Court directed the States to do?

Rahul Karmakar

The story so far:

The Assam government's drive to evict encroachers from forestlands has sent alarm bells ringing in other States of the region. Now, States bordering Assam are taking measures to ensure that those evicted from Assam do not cross over.

When did the eviction drive start in Assam?

The BJP came to power in 2016 by promising to secure *jaati* (race), *maati* (land), and *bheti* (hearth). Based on a Gauhati High Court order to reclaim encroached forestlands, the first eviction drive was carried out in three fringe villages of eastern Assam's Kaziranga National Park in September 2016. Two people died at Gorukhuti in north-central Assam's Darrang district when the eviction drive resumed in September 2021, five months after the BJP retained power and Himanta Biswa Sarma became Chief Minister. The eviction drives, allegedly targeted at Bengali Muslims, resumed in June 2025, coinciding with charges of corruption against the BJP-led government, one of them involving the purchase and redistribution of Gir cows for an agricultural project at Gorukhuti, from where migrant Muslims were evicted.

> Assam claims four neighbouring States have been occupying almost 83,000 hectares of land belonging to it

Homes razed: Villagers watch the demolition of houses during an eviction drive inside the Paikan Reserve Forest in Goalpara, Assam on July 12. AFP

What are the roots of the problem?

Evicting encroachers from forestlands, wetlands, and government revenue lands is not a new phenomenon in Assam. However, the operation has been high on optics as the BJP and its sub-nationalist regional allies have accused the 15-year rule by Congress of having paved the ground for encroachment by the 'Bangladeshi', 'Miya', or 'illegal infiltrators' – pejoratives for Muslims with roots in present-day Bangladesh – for votes. This category of Muslims has long polarised electoral politics in Assam during and after the anti-foreigners Assam Agitation (1979-'85), which led to the signing of an accord prescribing a cut-off date – midnight of March 24, 1971 – for the detection, deletion (from electoral rolls), and deportation of "illegal immigrants" or Bangladeshi nationals.

Why is the drive overtly aggressive?

The eviction drives have impacted non-Muslims as well, including 130 families whose houses were bulldozed to clear the Silsako Beel, a major wetland in Guwahati, of encroachment in 2022. Those against migrant Muslims, however, has garnered more attention for their scale and intensity, as it has led to the death of at least five people between 2016 and July 2025, when 1,080 families were evicted from 135 hectares of the Paikan Reserve Forest in Assam's Goalpara district. This aggression is also reflected in the rhetoric of the Chief Minister and other BJP leaders, who refer to the drive as a long-term exercise to save Assam from 'land jihad'.

Before the drive was launched this year, the Chief Minister said 15,288.52 bighas of satra (Vaishnav monastery) lands remain illegally occupied by people of doubtful citizenship across 29 districts. He also referred to the Union Environment Ministry's report to the National Green Tribunal that 3,620.9 square kilometres of forest area in Assam were under encroachment as of March 2024. The Chief Minister vowed to continue the eviction drive until Assam is encroachment-free in "at least 10 years", while clarifying that tribal people living in forest areas from before 2005 and covered by the Forest Rights Act would not be touched. This followed the fast-track resettlement of at least 12 Ahom families who were evicted along with migrant Muslims from village grazing reserves across four locations in northeastern Assam's Lakhimpur district.

Why are Assam's neighbours jittery?

Assam's neighbours were passive as long as the eviction drives were in areas far from the interstate borders. NGOs in Nagaland stirred into action after the Assam government announced an anti-encroachment drive in Golaghat district's Uriamghat. They saw it as a move to push "illegal Bangladeshi immigrants" inside Nagaland under the agenda of usurping "ancestral Naga lands". Before the drive commenced, the police in Nagaland's Niuland district intercepted and turned 200 vehicles carrying "illegal migrants" back to Assam. A few days later, a conglomerate of extremist groups announced a task force to guard the Assam-Nagaland border against infiltrators. The governments of Manipur, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, and Mizoram followed suit. They issued orders to the authorities in areas bordering Assam to increase vigilance, prevent the evicted people from coming in, and make the issuance of the inner-line permit, a temporary travel document, stricter.

How are border disputes linked to eviction?

Although opposition political parties in Assam see the eviction drive against Bengali-speaking Muslims as a part of the BJP's agenda of polarisation ahead of the 2026 Assembly polls, encroachment is at the core of the State's boundary disputes with Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Nagaland. These States were carved out of Assam between 1963 and 1972. In March 2025, the Assam Assembly was told that the four States have been occupying almost 83,000 hectares of land belonging to the State. These States have, off and on, driven migrant Muslims out to Assam, a State they accuse of having patronised "illegal immigrants" and made them settle along the borders as a ploy to claim disputed lands. More than 350 people have died due to the inter-State disputes, which Assam has partially resolved with Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya. On July 30, the Gauhati High Court directed these five States to constitute a high-level committee to facilitate a coordinated action to clear illegal settlements from forestlands.

Friendless in Dravidian politics

O. Panneerselvam

The former Jayalalithaa loyalist and three-time Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, who revolted against Sasikala within the AIADMK and joined hands with the BJP, is now facing a moment of uncertainty after he was expelled from his party and became estranged from the BJP-led alliance

T. Ramakrishnan

Three-time Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and former coordinator of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), O. Panneerselvam, could scarcely have imagined, even at the time of his expulsion from the party in July 2022, that he would one day visit the residence of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and interact with the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) president twice in 12 hours.

On July 31, both met at the historic and salubrious Theosophical Society in Adyar during their morning walk. In the evening, accompanied by his son and former Theni MP P. Ravindhranath Kumar, Mr. Panneerselvam held discussions with the Chief Minister and his son and Deputy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin for about 45 minutes at Mr. Stalin's residence in south Chennai's upmarket Alwarpet. The actions of the tea seller-turned-politician raised many eyebrows because he had all along fashioned himself as a quintessential loyalist of Jayalalithaa, who wore anti-DMKism on her sleeve on the lines of the AIADMK's founder and former Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran.

For the 74-year-old, who hails from the caste and communally sensitive southern region of the State, time seems to be running out for stitching the right alliance to face the Assembly election, due for April-May next year. Mr. Panneerselvam, widely known as OPS, is still considered a persona non grata, as far as the AIADMK general secretary, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, is concerned. As for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), a party which Mr. Panneerselvam and his son had assiduously cultivated after Jayalalithaa's death in December 2016, the "spell of love" towards the septuagenarian does not appear to exist any more. It has been sometime since Mr. Panneerselvam met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah.

When Mr. Modi visited Tamil Nadu to take part in the Aadi Thiruvathirai festival in Gangaikondacholapuram on July 26-27, Mr. Panneerselvam's request for a meeting was not granted. But Mr. Palaniswami, once a colleague-turned-foe of Mr. Panneerselvam, met PM Modi at the Tiruchi airport, along with his senior colleagues. At the time of announcing the revival of ties between his party and the AIADMK in April, Mr. Shah made it clear that the BJP would not like to "interfere in the internal affairs" of the Dravidian party.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha poll, Mr. Panneerselvam contested unsuccessfully from the Ramanathapuram constituency as part of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance. Before holding the July 31 evening meeting with Mr. Stalin came the announcement that the 'OPS' camp had decided to exit the Alliance, a move that was attributed to the Union government's refusal to provide funds to Tamil Nadu under the Samagra Shiksha scheme.

Modi's man

All the recent developments must have been odd for the Mr. Panneerselvam, who was not long ago seen as Mr. Modi's loyal supporter. He was present when Mr. Modi filed his nomination papers in Varanasi Lok Sabha constituency in 2019. He surprised many in November 2020 when he used a government function, where Amit Shah and Mr. Palaniswami were present, to announce that the AIADMK, for which he was the coordinator then, and the BJP would continue their alliance for the 2021 Assembly polls. At the function, the veteran political leader, who joined the AIADMK in 1977, had hailed the Union Minister as a "modern day Chanakya".

The perception generated by Mr. Panneerselvam's meetings with Mr. Stalin may be hard to digest for the traditional supporters of the AIADMK, who have been schooled in viewing the DMK as an "evil force". But he seems to be having limited options. Even though he still has the option of going along with the fledgling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) led by actor Vijay, the seasoned leader knows fully

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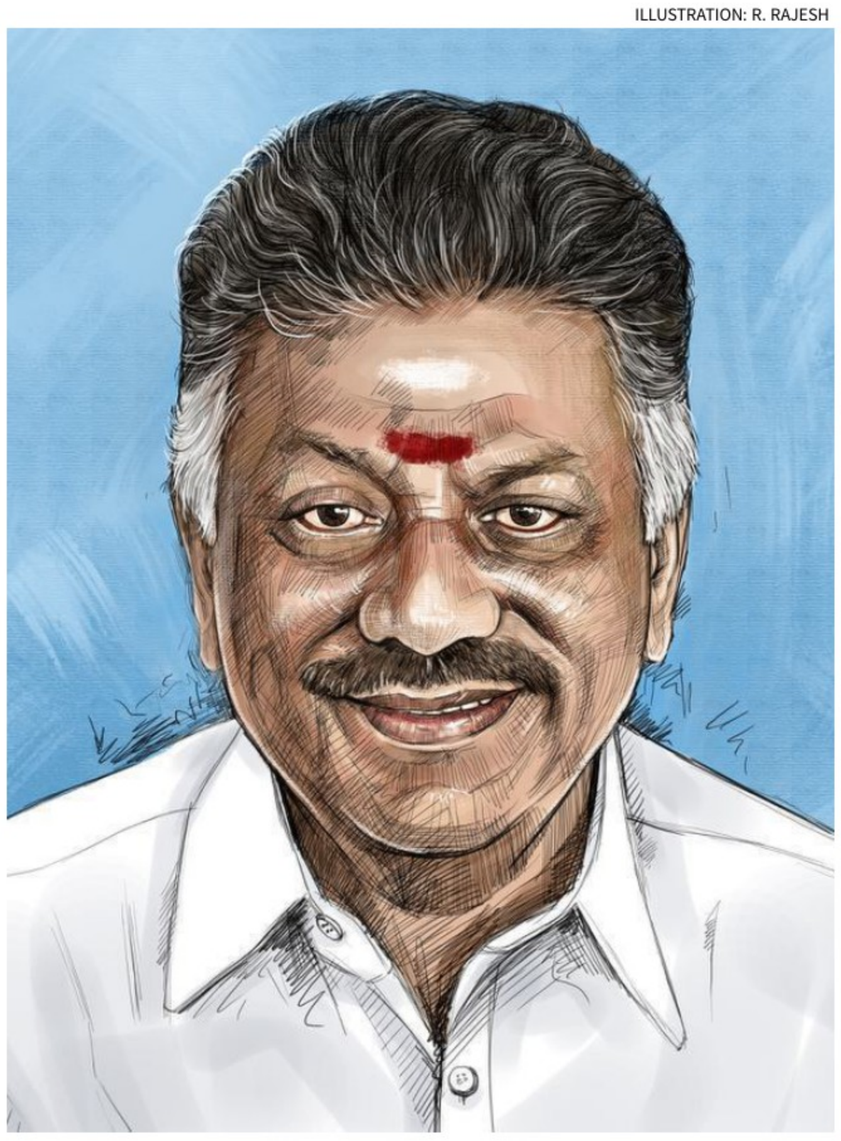

well that given the grip of the bipolar system in the State, it is next to impossible for a third force to capture even a handful of seats.

Not everyone views Mr. Panneerselvam sympathetically and there are critics who say he has "proved yet again" that he is "unreliable". Originally, he drew his strength from his proximity to former interim general secretary of the AIADMK V.K. Sasikala, who had served as an aide of Jayalalithaa for about 30 years, and her nephew T.T.V. Dhinakaran, who is now heading the Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK). All of them belong to the same caste group – Mukkulathor – though they are from different sub-groups: Mr. Panneerselvam from Maravar and Ms. Sasikala and Mr. Dhinakaran from Kallar.

Once called 'Mr. Faithful', Mr. Panneerselvam, who was with the Janaki Ramachandran group of the party at the time of the party split in 1988, came to be noted for qualities such as humility and fierce loyalty. No wonder, he became the party's nominee for the chairmanship of the Periyakulam Municipality in 1996. His stock in the party began growing, particularly after he served as a key member of the campaign team when Mr. Dhinakaran contested from the Periyakulam Lok Sabha constituency in 1999 and won. Next year, Mr. Panneerselvam became the Theni district secretary of the AIADMK.

His qualities and the reputation of an archetypal feudal supplicant had stood him in good stead. He was the party's "natural choice" for the CM post in September 2001 after the Supreme Court unseated Jayalalithaa; in September 2014, when she was convicted in a disproportionate assets case; and in December 2016 after her death. In Jayalalithaa's Cabinet, he was, at one time, Minister in charge of 13 portfolios.

'Righteous war'

The high point in his political career came in February 2017 when he went out all guns blazing against Ms. Sasikala. After quitting the CM post and a 40-minute long "meditation" at the Jayalalithaa mausoleum on the Marina, he made a dramatic announcement, claiming that he was "compelled to quit the post". This marked the launch of his '*dharmayudham*' (righteous war) against the "domination" of Ms. Sasikala's family in the party affairs. In no time, he patched up with Mr. Palaniswami, and became the Deputy Chief Minister six months later. Feeling that he had only a limited space to operate in the party and the government under Mr. Palaniswami, he swiftly re-established ties with Mr. Dhinakaran. At the time of the 2021 Assembly polls, he tried hard for the AMMK's accommodation under the AIADMK fold, but to no avail.

As he seems to have exhausted the "goodwill of his benefactors", including Mr. Modi, Mr. Panneerselvam, a survivor of many trials, is now at the mercy of Mr. Stalin to keep himself and his loyalists afloat. The traditional supporters of the AIADMK may not like it, but for Mr. Panneerselvam, it is a matter of life and death in electoral politics.

THE GIST

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- After his resignation, he patched up with Palaniswami and became the Deputy Chief Minister. He was seen as a close supporter of Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Late last month, the 'OPS' camp decided to exit the NDA, a move that was attributed to the Union government's refusal to provide funds to Tamil Nadu under the Samagra Shiksha scheme

A man of many persuasions

Jagdeep Dhankhar

In his political career spanning four decades, the former Vice President had worked in three political parties of different ideologies — the Janata Dal, the Congress and finally the BJP

Sobhana K. Nair

It was an unexpected phone call. Home Minister Amit Shah was on line. Jagdeep Dhankhar didn't expect the caller or the message. A few days later, on July 30, 2019, he took oath as Governor of West Bengal. Till he assumed the post, he had never met Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The former Vice President had taken to relaying this story often to illustrate perhaps his distance from the government.

In his four-decade-long political career, Mr. Dhankhar, 74, had worked in three parties of distinct persuasions – the Janata Dal, the Congress and finally the BJP. He may not have known Mr. Modi personally, but people close to him claim that he knew RSS intimately. In August 2024, while speaking in the upper house, he referred to the RSS as a "global think tank" with "unimpeachable credibility".

Jagdeep Dhankhar was born in 1951 in Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan and studied at Sainik School in Chittorgarh on scholarship. A graduate in Physics, he decided to pursue a career in law.

Mr. Dhankhar appeared on behalf of those accused of murdering 18-year-old Roop Kanwar, by burning her alive on her husband's pyre on September 4, 1987. All the 45 persons charged for her death have been acquitted.

His political career began with a meeting with socialist leader Chaudhary Devi Lal. "I was not his relative... I remember the day when I saw him for the first time. When he asked me to contest the election, I replied that I was a pleader. He said to remove the 'P' and become a leader," said Mr. Dhankhar, while addressing a convocation ceremony in Haryana in March this year.

His appearance in favour of Roop Kanwar's in-laws gained him favour among the Rajputs, who ran an agitation against the state for taking legal action in the case. It was one of the factors leading to Mr. Dhankhar's victory in the 1989 general elections as the Janata Dal candidate. In the 11-month stint of the Janata Dal government at the Centre, Mr. Dhankhar became Minister of State (parliamentary affairs).

In 1991, he joined the Congress and contested from the Ajmer Lok Sabha constituency, but lost by over 25,000 votes to the BJP candidate. Two years later, he contested the Assembly elections in Rajasthan from Kishangarh, which he won by 1,958 votes defeating the BJP candidate.

In 1998, he appeared for actor Salman Khan in the 1998 blackbuck poaching case. In 2003, he joined the BJP. Eventually, he grew closer to the RSS and was one of the lawyers advising senior RSS leader Indresh Kumar, who was linked to the 2007 Ajmer bomb blast case.

Role of Governor

On July 30, 2019, he was sworn in as the Governor of West Bengal. His tenure was marked by several public confrontations with the State government and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The Trinamool Congress referred to him as the "real Leader of the Opposition". But when the BJP fielded him as the Vice Presidential candidate, the Trinamool chose to abstain, accusing the Congress, which fielded Margaret Alva, of not consulting them. Mr. Dhankhar won the 2022 election with 74.37% votes and recorded the highest poll-victory margin since 1992.

As the Rajya Sabha chairman and Vice President, Mr. Dhankhar hit headlines for his frequent critical remarks against the judiciary, insisting that the courts should only interpret the laws and not interfere in its making. The Opposition accused him of bias towards the government and had threatened to move a no-confidence motion against him in December 2024.

Since his resignation on July 21, nearly two years ahead of completing his tenure, citing health reasons, the opposition MPs have suggested that a farewell should be organised for him and many have reached out to Mr. Dhankhar but haven't got any response.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had welcomed the announcement of his name as the NDA's Vice Presidential candidate with a post on X praising him for his "illustrious legal, legislative and gubernatorial career", bade him goodbye with short post, "Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji has got many opportunities to serve our country in various capacities, including as the Vice President of India. Wishing him good health."

Defender of the Kremlin

Dmitry Medvedev

The former President and former Prime Minister of Russia has now morphed into one of the most aggressive voices of the establishment

Sruthi Darbhamulla

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On August 1, U.S. President Donald Trump wrote on the social media that he had ordered two "nuclear submarines" to be positioned in "the appropriate regions", in a direct threat to Russia. Pete Hegseth, the Secretary of Defence, reposted Mr. Trump's post. The reason for Mr. Trump's escalatory move: back-to-back social media posts by Dmitry Medvedev, a former Russian President and Prime Minister. Mr. Trump also slammed the "foolish, inflammatory and provocative" statements by Mr. Medvedev.

Mr. Medvedev had evoked the fabled Dead Hand mechanism (also known as 'Perimeter'), a secretive semi-automated Russian command system that could launch a nuclear strike if its leaders were killed in enemy attacks.

Born on September 14, 1965 in Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), Dmitry Medvedev is the son of professors Yulia and Anatoly Medvedev. He earned a degree in law and then completed post-graduate studies at Leningrad State University, graduating in 1990. In 1989, he married Svetlana; their son Ilya, now 29, joined the United Russia Party of Vladimir Putin in 2022.

A PhD in law, Mr. Medvedev taught for nine years at the St. Petersburg State University. During this time, he also worked as an adviser to the city council, and in 1991, he joined the legal team working for the then Mayor of St. Petersburg, Anatoly Sobchak. It was here that he met Mr. Putin.

Mr. Putin became the acting President of Russia in December 1999, and Mr. Medvedev was tapped to become a member of his team. In 2000, he led Mr. Putin's presidential campaign, and was appointed the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Presidential Executive Office. In November 2005, he became the first Deputy Prime Minister, and was named by Mr. Putin as his successor in 2007. On May 7, 2008, Mr. Medvedev became the President of Russia, for a one-term stint since Mr. Putin was barred under the then Constitution from occupying the post for a third consecutive term. Soon after his inauguration, he nominated Mr. Putin as his Prime Minister.

Mr. Medvedev had campaigned with the slogan "Freedom is better than no freedom," and during his stint as President, he undertook several reforms, such as the decriminalisation of defamation. He negotiated with the then U.S. President, Barack Obama, to reduce the number of nuclear warheads in the two nations, and presided over Russia's accession to the WTO. He also announced an end to counter-insurgency operations in Chechnya. He was at the helm when war broke out in Georgia in 2008.

New role

Mr. Putin returned as President in March 2012, and Mr. Medvedev became the head of the United Russia party and the Prime Minister of Russia, occupying this position from May 8, 2012 to 2020. He slowly faded into the background and eventually resigned as Prime Minister in 2020.

Post this, Mr. Medvedev was appointed as the deputy of the newly created National Security Council, an advisory body with Mr. Putin at its head.

Since the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Mr. Medvedev has been a strong supporter of Mr. Putin's actions. He started a Telegram channel soon after the invasion, becoming Russia's most popular blogger by the end of 2022. This also turned around his image in the eyes of the public: from a public trust rating of 23% in 2021 from pollster VTsIOM, he notched a rating of 45.7% in June 2025.

While Mr. Trump and Mr. Medvedev have sparred before, the current exchange was sparked by Mr. Trump's post on July 29, warning that the U.S. would sanction Russia in 10 days if it did not take measures to end the war with Ukraine. Mr. Medvedev called this a "theatrical ultimatum", and said "each new ultimatum is a threat and a step towards war". He also warned that Russia was not "Israel or even Iran", and warned Mr. Trump to not "go down the Sleepy Joe road." In response, Mr. Trump called him "the failed former President of Russia, who thinks he's still President".

Mr. Medvedev responded via a message on Telegram, "If some words from the former president of Russia trigger such a nervous reaction from the high-and-mighty president of the U.S., then Russia is doing everything right and will continue to proceed along its own path."

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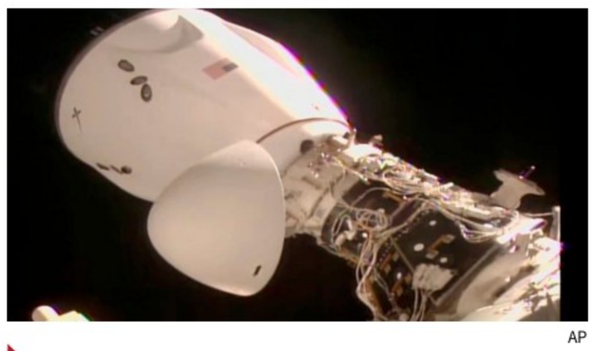
SpaceX Crew Dragon docks with International Space Station



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An international team of four astronauts aboard a SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule docked on Saturday with the orbiting International Space Station (ISS). American astronauts Zena Cardman and Mike Fincke, Japan's Kimiya Yui, and Roscosmos cosmonaut Oleg Platonov are joining the ISS on a six-month mission. AFP

PHNOM PENH

Thailand returns two soldiers to Cambodia but holds on to 18

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Cambodia on Friday welcomed the return of two wounded soldiers who had been captured by the Thai Army after the two sides had already implemented a ceasefire to end five days of combat over competing territorial claims. Cambodia sought the release of the rest of the 20-member group captured on Tuesday. AP

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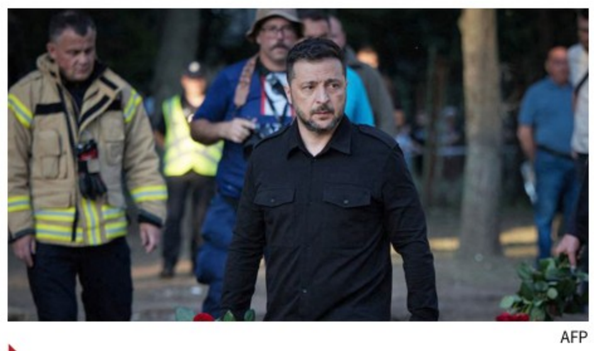
Three persons die in overnight Ukrainian drone strikes on Russia



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Ukrainian drone attacks overnight into Saturday killed three persons, Russian officials said, as the two sides continued to trade air strikes. Russia's Defence Ministry said air defences intercepted or destroyed 112 drones across eight Russian regions and the Russian-occupied Crimean Peninsula. AP

ISLAMABAD

Iranian President Pezeshkian arrives in Pakistan on official visit

AFP

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian arrived in Pakistan on Saturday on a two-day official visit to promote bilateral ties in the wake of recent regional conflicts. Former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and other senior officials received Mr. Pezeshkian on arrival in Lahore, according to the Foreign Office (FO). PTI

Bangladesh interim government to unveil 'July Declaration' on August 5

The Yunus govt. wants to give constitutional recognition to the student-led uprising that led to Hasina's ouster; the plan has sparked debate among political parties — not only over the declaration's content but over whether it should be legitimised

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The Bangladesh interim government of Muhammad Yunus on Saturday said it would unveil on August 5 the "July Declaration", coinciding with the first anniversary of the ouster of then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League regime.

"The interim government has finalised the draft of the July Declaration. It will be presented on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, before the nation," Mr. Yunus's press wing said.

The Yunus-led interim government wants to give constitutional recognition to the student-led uprising that took place last year in July-August, which led to the ouster of Sheikh Hasina. This recognition is known as the July Declaration.

Glory moment: Anti-government protestors celebrate in Shahbag near Dhaka university area in Dhaka on August 5, 2024. AFP

Information adviser Mahfuj Alam, whom Mr. Yunus earlier called the "main brain" or the mastermind of what is dubbed the July uprising, meanwhile, said the much-anticipated July Declaration was now a "reality".

The Students Against Discrimination (SAD) led last year's violent campaign that eventually toppled the Awami League regime, prompting Ms. Hasina to flee the country on August 5, 2024. However, the idea for the July Declaration arose to SAD leaders by the end of December last year.

Mr. Yunus's government initially preferred to distance itself from the move, calling it a "private initiative", but in a surprise announcement later said the government itself would prepare the "proclamation of July uprising".

The proponents of the declaration say it is aimed at "unifying the nation around last year's core values of anti-fascism, democratic resurgence, and state reform" but it sparked debate among political parties – not only over its content alone but also over whether it should be granted constitutional status.

Former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) standing committee member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said there was no scope to bring any change in the political process outside parliament, which does not exist in the country.

More than a dozen seeking aid killed in Israeli firing in Gaza

Associated Press
DEIR AL-BALAH

More than a dozen people, eight of them food-seekers, were killed by Israeli fire on Saturday, health officials in Gaza said, as Palestinians endured severe risks searching for food amid airdrops and restrictions on overland aid delivery.

Near a Gaza Humanitarian Foundation distribution site, Yahia Youssef, who had come to seek aid on Saturday morning, described a panicked scene now grimly familiar. After helping carry out three persons wounded by gunshots, he said he looked around and saw others lying on the ground bleeding. "It's the same daily episode," Mr. Youssef said.

In response to questions about several eyewitness accounts of violence at the northernmost of the Israeli-backed American contractor's four facilities, the GHF said "nothing (happened) at or near our sites."

Placation bid: White House special envoy Steve Witkoff arrives in Tel Aviv on Saturday to meet families of hostages held in Gaza. AP

The episode came a day after U.S. officials visited one site and U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee called the distribution "an incredible feat."

Seven Palestinians died of malnutrition-related causes in the Gaza Strip over the past 24 hours, the territory's Health Ministry said on Saturday.

They include a child bringing total deaths among children from causes related to malnutrition in Gaza to 93 since the war began.

Indians in Ireland urged to take 'reasonable precautions'

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

In the latest incident, a Multimodal AI Scientist was assaulted by teenage gang members

Against the backdrop of racist attacks on foreigners in Dublin, the Embassy of India in Ireland has issued an advisory for citizens urging them to take "reasonable precautions". The advisory came soon after an Indian national took to social media, on July 31, reporting that he became the latest victim of an attack by teenage gang members.

"There has been an increase in the instances of physical attacks reported against Indian citizens in Ireland recently. The Embassy is in touch with the authorities concerned of Ireland in this regard. At the same time, all Indian citizens in Ireland are advised to take reasonable precautions for their personal security and avoid deserted areas, especially in odd hours," said the Indian Embassy in Ireland in the advisory. The announcement urged Indian citizens to contact 0899423734 in case of emergency.

The Hindu had earlier reported that an Indian employee working with Amazon was assaulted by teenage gang members on July 19. Indian Ambassador Akhilesh Mishra had said the incident had caused "widespread concern and fear" among the 90,000-strong Indian community in Ireland. The latest incident took place on July 31 when Dr. Santosh Yadav, a Multimodal AI Scientist, was assaulted, leaving him with a fractured cheekbone and other injuries. Dr. Yadav took to social network LinkedIn to share images of the injuries, and said, "This is not an isolated incident. Racist attacks on Indian men and other minorities are surging across Dublin."

Ambassador Mishra has said the Indian mission is in touch with the wider Indian community. "The recurrence of attacks on innocent, highly qualified technical experts and professionals has caused widespread fear among the community all over Ireland. Well-being of the Indian community is a matter of high priority to the embassy and the Ministry of External Affairs. The matter has been taken up with the relevant Irish authorities in Dublin and also in Delhi."

Turkiye starts supplying Azerbaijani gas to Syria

Agence France-Presse
ISTANBUL

Turkiye on Saturday turned on a supply of natural gas from Azerbaijan to Syria, whose infrastructure was ravaged by civil war, with annual deliveries expected to reach up to two billion cubic metres.

Syria's Islamist authorities, who toppled President Bashar al-Assad in December, are seeking to rebuild the battered country where power cuts can last for more than 20 hours a day.

Speaking at a ceremony attended by Syria's Energy Minister, Azerbaijan's Economy Minister and the head of Qatar's development fund, Turkish Energy Minister Alparslan Bayraktar said the initiative would help normalise Syria.

Attacks in China, Japan raise concerns about xenophobia in both countries

Associated Press

A Japanese woman living in China was attacked and injured by a man in a Suzhou subway station, Japanese media outlets said, hours after two Chinese men were seriously injured in violence in Tokyo.

The attacks on Thursday raised concern about xenophobic sentiment in both China and Japan that have been blamed for assaults in both countries. It was the third attack involving Japanese living in China since last year. In the two previous cases in China, Chinese authorities have insisted they were isolated incidents.

A Japanese woman who was with her child was injured in an attack at the Suzhou subway station in eastern China on Thursday. AP

The Japanese broadcaster NHK did not identify the woman injured in Suzhou by name but, citing the Japanese Consulate General in Shanghai, said she was with her child inside a subway station when the attack took place.

The child was not injured, and the mother had returned home after reportedly getting treated at a hospital, NHK reported.

The Japanese news agency Kyodo said the suspect had been detained.

In Tokyo earlier on Thursday, two Chinese men were seriously injured in attacks, and four men wielding unspecified weapons remained at large, according to a statement released by the Chinese Embassy in Japan.

The identities of the assailants had remained unclear.

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RELISHING THE CHALLENGE

The wicket was spicy... was fun batting on that surface: Jaiswal

GETTY IMAGES

The wicket was spicy. It was fun batting on that surface because you expect such wickets in England. Mentally I was ready, and it was about pushing myself. I was trying to plan on how to go about it, and I played according to the situation — Yashasvi Jaiswal after scoring his second century of the series.

PROLIFIC, BUT...

Gill's splendid series not enough to surmount Gavaskar's epic 774

AP

Shubman Gill (754 runs) fell short of Sunil Gavaskar's record of 774 (in four Tests vs West Indies, 1970-71) for the most runs by an Indian in a Test series. Gill's sequence in the current series against England read: 147 & 8 (Leeds), 269 & 161 (Birmingham), 16 & 6 (Lord's), 12 & 103 (Manchester), 21 & 11 (The Oval).

CHASING HISTORY

England looks at a record pursuit at The Oval in the last 100 years

PTI

Since the turn of the century, only one team has successfully chased more than 200 at The Oval in the fourth innings (Sri Lanka's 219 vs England in 2024). The record for the highest fourth-innings chase in the last 100 years at the venue is with the West Indies (253 vs England in 1963).

STAR WATCH

Rohit makes an appearance during the third day's play at The Oval

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As India dominated the third day's play, Rohit Sharma was in attendance at The Oval. Rohit, who retired from Test cricket just before the England series, watched two sessions, along with Mumbai Indians owner Akash Ambani and former West Indies cricketer Kieron Pollard, among others.

Jaiswal's ton, Jadeja and Washington's knocks put India in the driver's seat

The opener puts on 107 for the third wicket with nightwatcher Akash; Siraj strikes in the last over to send back Crawley in England's chase of 374

INDIA IN ENGLAND

Shayan Acharya
LONDON

Yashasvi Jaiswal broke the shackles when it mattered the most. After a memorable start to the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, with a century in the first Test and an 87 in the second, the young Indian opener struggled in his next six innings, notching up only 101 runs.

But, at The Oval on Saturday, Jaiswal proved why he is rated so highly. Making the most of three dropped catches, the southpaw raced to his sixth Test hundred (118, 164b, 14x4, 2x6) as India set England a target of 374 after posting 396 in its second innings.

It was Jaiswal and nightwatcher Akash Deep who set the tone before Jadeja scored another fifty and Washington Sundar spiced up the third day of the fifth Test with a 46-ball-53. Washington added 39 runs for the last wicket partnering Prasidh Krishna.

Pursuing what could be the highest run-chase at the iconic venue, England looked fairly comfortable before Mohammed Siraj cleaned up Zak Crawley with the final ball of the day as the home sided ended at 50 for one.

Earlier, as the sun shone bright, Jaiswal forged a 107-stand for the third wicket with Akash (66, 94b, 12x4).

Standing tall: Jaiswal delivered under pressure while Washington's late blitz took India close to the 400-run mark. GETTY IMAGES & PTI

Having lost two wickets, it was a test of patience for the Indian batters, and with Jaiswal holding firm, Akash frustrated the England bowlers as runs flowed.

Akash went on to score his maiden international fifty and also became the third Indian nightwatcher – after Chetan Sharma and Amit Mishra – to score a Test half-century. Incidentally, back in 2011, Mishra scored 84 against England at the same venue.

At a crucial juncture of the match, Akash stepped up and built that long partnership, which eventually put India in the driver's seat. By the time Jamie Overton broke the stand, with Akash offering a leading edge that carried to point, India was on course.

And, with the butter-fingered England fielders dropping six catches, Jaiswal flexed his muscles. Playing every ball on its merit, Jaiswal brought up 82 of his first 100 runs behind square, and significantly, his second hundred of the series also came with a nudge in the same area.

England, however, started the second session well as Shubman Gill was trapped in front off an inswinging delivery by Gus Atkison. The dejected Indian captain fell 20 runs short of Sunil Gavaskar's record tally of 774 runs – the most by an Indian batter in a Test series.

Karun Nair, walking in on the back of a first-innings fifty, struggled before gloving a pitched-up delivery from Atkinson which bounced. But those dismissals did not deter Jaiswal as he added 44 runs for the sixth wicket with Jadeja and eventually brought up his fourth century against England.

As he sprinted towards the Micky Stewart Pavilion and raised his bat, Jaiswal's innings also resembled the mindset of the Indian team, which has shown tremendous fighting spirit.

Josh Tongue (five for 125) ended Jaiswal's vigil. Jadeja and Washington ensured India remained on top before Siraj provided a psychological boost.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
224 in 69.4 overs
ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS
247 in 51.2 overs
INDIA — 2ND INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Overton b Tongue 118 (*164b, 14x4, 2x6*), K.L. Rahul c Root b Tongue 7 (*28b, 1x4*), B. Sai Sudharsan lbw b Atkinson 11 (*29b, 1x4*), Akash Deep c Atkinson b Overton 66 (*94b, 12x4*), Shubman Gill lbw b Atkinson 11 (*9b, 2x4*), Karun Nair c Smith b Atkinson 17 (*32b, 3x4*), Ravindra Jadeja c Brook b Tongue 53 (*77b, 5x4*), Dhruv Jurel lbw b Overton 34 (*46b, 4x4*), Washington Sundar c Crawley b Tongue 53 (*46b, 4x4, 4x6*), Mohammed Siraj lbw b Tongue 0 (*3b*), Prasidh Krishna (not out) 0 (*2b*); Extras (b-13, lb-5, nb-2, w-6): 26; Total (in 88 overs): 396.
FALL OF WICKETS
1-46 (Rahul, 9.5 overs), 2-70 (Sai Sudharsan, 17.2), 3-177 (Akash, 42.1), 4-189 (Gill, 44.1), 5-229 (Karun, 54.3), 6-273 (Jaiswal, 64.2), 7-323 (Jurel, 76.2), 8-357 (Jadeja, 83.2), 9-357 (Siraj, 83.5).
ENGLAND BOWLING
Atkinson 27-3-127-3, Tongue 30-4-125-5, Overton 22-2-98-2, Bethell 4-0-13-0, Root 5-1-15-0.
ENGLAND — 2ND INNINGS (Target 374)
Zak Crawley b Siraj 14 *(36b, 2x4)*, Ben Duckett (batting) 34 *(48b, 4x4)*; Extras (lb-1, nb-1): 2; Total (for one wkt. in 13.5 overs): 50.
FALL OF WICKET
1-50 (Crawley, 13.5).
INDIA BOWLING
Akash 5-1-15-0, Prasidh 5-1-23-0, Siraj 3.5-0-11-1.

Gutsy effort: Akash was not afraid to play his shots as he registered his maiden Test fifty. GETTY IMAGES

Nightwatcher Akash has a productive day

Shayan Acharya
LONDON

A couple of days before the final Test, Akash Deep posted a picture of himself on social media, captioned: 'Every ball counts – even in practice'.

And at The Oval on Saturday, he walked the talk, making every ball count – albeit with the bat. Coming in as a nightwatcher, Akash made the most of a reprieve and went on to score a gritty half-century.

He became the first Indian nightwatcher to register a Test fifty since Amit Mishra, who made 84 against England at the same ground in 2011. Mishra had also scored 50 against Bangladesh in 2010 in his role as a nightwatcher. In fact Mishra and Akash are the only Indian nightwatchers to register a fifty in the 21st century.

When Akash walked out to bat at the fag end of the second day, India had lost two wickets and was in a tricky position. On a rather sunny third morning, Akash forged a crucial 107-run partnership for the third wicket with opener Yashasvi Jaiswal and helped India go past the 150-run lead.

It was a test of character, and Akash looked at ease while facing the England pacers. As he reached his maiden fifty, he pumped his fist and pointed to the India crest. Jaiswal hugged him, while his teammates in the dressing room, too, were delighted.

He was caught by Gus Atkinson at backward point off Jamie Overton's bowling with the total on 177. The right-hander's 94-ball 66 included 12 hits to the fence.

This wasn't the first time that Akash proved his mettle with the willow. In December last year, he forged a crucial 47-run partnership with Jasprit Bumrah for the last wicket as India went past the follow-on mark during the rain-marred Gabba Test, which ended in a draw.

Asia Cup: India-Pakistan game in Dubai

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

The marquee India-Pakistan game will be held in Dubai during the upcoming Asia Cup which is scheduled to start in the UAE from September 9.

India and Pakistan will square off on September 14 in Dubai and one more time, potentially on September 21, at the same venue. The final on September 28 will also be held in Dubai. The tournament will be held in T20I format keeping in mind the T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka early next year.

Out of 19 games in the tournament, 11 will be held in Dubai and eight in Abu Dhabi.

India will play two of its league games on September 10 (vs. UAE) and September 14 (vs. Pakistan) at Dubai while the final league game against Oman will be held at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on September 19.

Gaps in CSK squad plugged in second half of IPL 2025: Dhoni

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Chennai Super Kings had a forgettable time in the IPL earlier this year, but M.S. Dhoni feels the team plugged the gaps in the squad in the second half of the season and exuded confidence about the future.

Dhoni led the team in nine matches after regular skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad was injured, and the team finished last with just four wins.

"There were certain holes that we needed to plug. We were slightly worried about our batting order. But I think our batting order is quite sorted out now. Rutu (Gaikwad) will be coming back. So it looks like we are quite sorted," Dhoni said at the launch of Maxivision Super Speciality Eye Hospitals here on Saturday.

Though CSK hasn't qualified for the Playoffs in the last two seasons, the former India skipper explained that the team has always been good at identifying the shortcomings and addressing them.

"I feel more often than not, we have been able to figure out what exactly went wrong. A small auction is coming in December, some loopholes are there, and we will try to plug those," he added.

"You have to be at your best at the start of the tournament and get the planning right. You have to use the resources in the best possible manner. We will try to sort out most of the things and will hopefully be at our best."

Between seasons, there is always speculation about Dhoni's future.

While he did not explicitly reveal his plans, the 44-year-old dropped a hint when he quipped, "I just got a tick mark that I can play cricket for the next five years. But the catch is that I have been given clearance only for eyesight. I need clearance for my body as well. I cannot play cricket just with my eyes alone".

Making a point: Dhoni is confident about Super Kings' future. AKHILA EASWARAN

Ajaraie.

Ajaraie's 'trick does it for NEUFC

Sports Bureau

Defending champion NorthEast United FC rode on its Moroccan forward Alaaeddine Ajaraie's hat-trick to beat Malaysian Armed Forces 3-1 in a Group-E match in the Durand Cup at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong on Saturday.

Tribhuvan Army FC and debutant 1Ladakh FC played out a 1-1 draw in a Group-C encounter at the JRD Tata Sports Complex Stadium in Jamshedpur.

The results: Group C (Jamshedpur): Tribhuvan Army FC 1 (Niranjan 40) drew with 1Ladakh FC 1 (Siju 23); **Group E (Shillong):** NorthEast United FC 3 (Ajaraie 23, 29, 70) bt Malaysian Armed Forces 1 (Amir 88).

Leclerc takes McLaren by surprise, grabs pole position

FORMULA ONE

Associated Press
BUDAPEST

Charles Leclerc snatched a surprise first pole position of the year for Ferrari at the Hungarian Grand Prix on Saturday, beating both the McLarens.

Leclerc punched the air in delight as he climbed out of the car after beating Oscar Piastri by 0.026s and Lando Norris by 0.041s.

The Ferrari driver had consistently been the best of the rest behind the McLarens in practice but remained well off Piastri and Norris' pace.

That changed in qualifying, with the help of conditions working against the McLarens. Norris and Piastri were each about half a second slower per lap in the final part of qualifying, compared to the second segment.

Hamilton qualified 12th as his troubles in his first season with Ferrari continued.

Defending champion Max Verstappen was only eighth after struggling with the balance of his Red Bull, and his teammate Yuki Tsunoda was 16th. That piles more pressure on the Japanese driver, who hasn't scored a point in six races.

Shocking turn of events: Leclerc will be on pole for the first time this season. AP

The grid:
Front row: Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) and Oscar Piastri (McLaren); **Second:** Lando Norris (McLaren) and George Russell (Mercedes); **Third:** Fernando Alonso (Aston Martin) and Lance Stroll (Aston Martin); **Fourth:** Gabriel Bortoleto (Sauber) and Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing); **Fifth:** Liam Lawson (Racing Bulls) and Isack Hadjar (Racing Bulls). **Sixth:** Oliver Bearman (Haas) and Lewis Hamilton (Ferrari); **Seventh:** Carlos Sainz (Williams) and Franco Colapinto (Alpine); **Eighth:** Andrea Kimi Antonelli (Mercedes) and Yuki Tsunoda (Red Bull Racing); **Ninth:** Pierre Gasly (Alpine) and Esteban Ocon (Haas); **10th:** Nico Hulkenberg (Sauber) and Alexander Albon (Williams).

INBRIEF

USA sets world record in mixed 4x100 freestyle relay

USA set a world record in the mixed 4x100 metres freestyle relay at the World championships in Singapore on Saturday. The U.S. team of Jack Alexy, Patrick Sammon, Kate Douglass and Torri Huske clocked 3:18.48, breaking Australia's previous mark of 3:18.83 set at the 2023 Worlds in Fukuoka. Meanwhile, Katie Ledecky beat Summer McIntosh in a titanic three-way battle to win a thrilling 800m freestyle title. Ledecky won her seventh career gold in the event.

Yashita goes down to Tania, finishes with silver in 61kg

Yashita lost 11-0 to USA's Tania Fernandez in the women's 61kg final to finish with a silver medal at the World under-17 wrestling championships in Athens. With two gold, three silver and a bronze, India (151 points) finished atop the women's team rankings ahead of USA (142) and Japan (113). Sitender made it to men's freestyle 60kg final.

Bayern Munich's Pavlovic fractures eye socket

Bayern Munich midfielder Aleksandar Pavlovic's bad luck with injuries and illness seems to have struck again. The German team said on Saturday that Pavlovic has undergone surgery after fracturing his eye socket in a team training session on Friday. Bayern didn't say exactly how the injury happened or how long Pavlovic would be out, just that he "is facing a spell on the sidelines".

Dhakshineswar loses to second seed Spizzirri

Qualifier Dhakshineswar Suresh lost 7-6(4), 6-4 to second seed Eliot Spizzirri of USA in the quarterfinals of the $100,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Lexington, USA. Dhakshineswar fired aces by the dozen in the tournament as he collected 16 ATP points, including six for qualification, and $2,890. Anirudh Chandrasekar and Ramkumar Ramanathan set up the doubles final against Yu Hsiou Hsu and Tsung-Hao Huang of Chinese Taipei.

The results: $100,000 Challenger, Lexington, USA: Quarterfinals: Eliot Spizzirri (USA) bt Dhakshineswar Suresh 7-6(4), 6-4. **Doubles: Semifinals:** Anirudh Chandrasekar & Ramkumar Ramanathan bt Pranav Kumar (USA) & Kody Pearson (Aus) 7-6(3), 4-6, [10-3].

$30,000 ITF men, Brazzaville, Congo: Semifinals: Fllorent Bax (Fra) bt Dev Javia 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. **Doubles: Semifinals:** Florent Bax & Paul Inchauspe (Fra) bt Chinmaya Dev Chauhan & Dev Javia 6-0, 6-3; Seydina Andre (Sen) & Nicolas Jadoun (Fra) bt Matteo Covato (Ita) & Digvijay Pratap Singh 6-4, 7-5.

LIVE TELECAST

England vs India: 5th Test, day 4, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.

Football: Durand Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 4 & 7 p.m.

Formula One: Hungarian GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 6.30 p.m.

Tennis: ATP Masters, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10 p.m. & 4.30 a.m. (Monday).

WI vs Pakistan: 3rd T20I, FanCode, 5.30 a.m. (Monday).

Kirpal's 53.62m throw lands him discus gold

Yashvir claims the javelin throw event; Anakha registers her first-ever sub-54 timing winning the 400m; Sherin edges Sandra to clinch top spot in women's long jump

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau

Discus thrower Kirpal Singh won his second consecutive competition at the Indian Grand Prix 3 at the Guru Nanak Stadium, Ludhiana, on Saturday.

The former Inter-State and Federation Cup champion followed up on his gold-winning performance at the Indian Open meet last week with a best throw of 53.62m. Kirpal, the last Indian and one of only five to cross the 60m mark in 2022, is returning from a two-year dope ban.

Also winning was Yashvir Singh in javelin throw with a best of 77.79m even as his main competitors – Sahil Silwal and Vikrant Malik – did not start. Talented youngster Dipanshu Sharma failed to reach 70m, settling for a fifth place finish with 66.98m.

Among the women, quartermiler Anakha B.A. registered her personal best with her first-ever sub-54 timing, winning the 400m in 53.40s. Anakha was also part of the 4x400m relay squad at the recent World University Games, where the team finished fifth.

On a roll: Kirpal followed up on his Indian Open win last week with another top show in the Indian Grand Prix 3. FILE PHOTO: B. VELANKANNI RAJ

In long jump, only Sherin A. and Sandra Babu crossed the 6m mark, the former winning with 6.12m while Amandeep Kaur ran alone in the 1500m after the only other entrant, Shivechha Patil of Maharashtra, failed to turn up.

The results (winners only): Men: 100m: Harjit Singh (Air Force, 10.50s), **200m:** Jishnu Prasad P.K. (BSF, 21.48s), **800m:** Nilkantha Ray (Army, 1:51.49), **5000m:** Onkar Panhalkar (Army, 14:32.36), **400mH:** Aswin Krishnan L. (TN, 50.98s).

3000m steeple chase: Benjamin Babu (Ker, 9:47.59), **Long jump:** Mohd. Atta Sazid (Har, 7.79m).

High jump: Sarvesh Kushare (Mah, 2.23m), **Triple jump:** Jay Shah (Mah, 15.67m), **Shot put:** Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Pun, 18.93m), **Discus throw:** Kirpal Singh (ONGC, 53.62m), **Hammer throw:** Shantanu Uchale (Mah, 62.76m), **Javelin throw:** Yashvir Singh (Raj, 77.79m).

Women: 100m: Jilna M.V. (AIPSCB, 11.70s), **400m:** Anakha B.A. (JSW, 53.40s), **800m:** Amandeep Kaur (Pun, 2:09.31), **1500m:** Amandeep (4:38.42), **5000m:** Antima Pal (Rel, 17:30.60), **100mH:** Nithya Ramraj (TN, 13.29s), **400mH:** R. Vithya Ramraj (TN, 1:01.01), **Long jump:** Sherin A (TN, 6.12m), **High jump:** Jonika Pahal (Har, 1.75m).

Shot put: Shiksha (NCOE, 15.27m), **Discus throw:** Anisha (Har, 49.38m), **Hammer throw:** Tanya Chaudhary (UP, 60.34m).

Gripping contest: Tharun battled for an hour and 21 minutes but couldn't find a way past Justin.

Lakshya and Tharun bow out in semifinals

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
MACAU

India's campaign at the Macau Open Super 300 badminton tournament came to an end on Saturday after Lakshya Sen and Tharun Mannepalli suffered semifinal defeats in their respective men's singles matches.

Lakshya couldn't match the pace and precision of Indonesia's Alwi Farhan, going down 21-16, 21-9 in a 39-minute contest.

In the other semifinal, India's Tharun went down fighting against Malaysia's Justin Hoh in a gripping three-game contest that lasted an hour and 21 minutes. The 23-year-old Tharun, ranked 47th, squandered a strong start to lose 19-21, 21-16, 21-16.

It has been a tough season for world number 17 Lakshya, who has had seven first-round exits and two second-round ousters.

However, Farhan produced a dominating performance to knock him out of the tournament.

Tharun started well, racing to an 11-6 lead in the opener. A pair of wide returns helped him build a 17-12 cushion before Justin clawed back to level at 18-all. After wasting one game point, Tharun closed it with a straight return.

In the second game, Justin led 8-6 after capitalising on Tharun's errors. Though the Indian levelled at 13-13, a run of mistakes gave Justin a 17-14 lead and eventually the game.

In the decider, Tharun again held a 6-3 lead before Justin turned the tables.

The results: Men: Semifinals: Alwi Farhan bt Lakshya Sen 21-16, 21-9 ; Justin Hoh bt Tharun Mannepalli 19-21, 21-16, 21-16.

India's first FIFA Talent Academy for girls launched

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Government of Telangana signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch India's first FIFA Talent Academy for girls at the Gachibowli Stadium Complex. The MoU was signed on the sidelines of the Telangana Sports Conclave here on Saturday.

The national federation, in coordination with FIFA, will lead operations, technical framework, talent scouting and training curriculum. The Sports Authority of Telangana (SATG) will oversee infrastructure, logistics, education, financial and welfare support.

"This marks a defining moment in our journey towards equitable football development. The academy will inspire a generation of footballers who can dream of representing India at the highest levels.

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy and AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey showcase the MoU.

This is a strong step forward towards our goal of qualifying for the under-17 men's and women's FIFA World Cups," AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey said.

The academy will offer year-round high-performance training to 60 athletes - 30 boys (u-14) and 30 girls (u-16), with 10 players in each category hailing from Telangana.

Sarthak scores fighting win, Jagathishree bags a grand triple

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
COIMBATORE

Pune teenager Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) pulled off a brilliant win, his second in three starts, in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category at the Rolon Round of the MRF-MMSC FMSCI National Motorcycle Racing Championship at the Kari Motor Speedway here on Saturday.

Starting from third on the grid, 18-year-old Sarthak survived some close calls and contacts with pole-sitter, Hyderabad's Rahil Pillarisetty (RACR Castrol Power1), who eventually finished third behind Chennai teenager Johann Reeves Emmanuel (Motul KTM Gusto Racing India) to win an incident-filled 10-lap race.

Later, One Racing's Jagathishree Kumaresan, the 21-year-old from Chennai, won all three races she took part in. The defending champion won both her outings in the Girls' Stock 165cc category of the National Championship and, in between, topped the women's race in the Petronas TVS India One-Make Championship.

Sarthak Chavan

Jagathishree Kumaresan

The results (Provisional – all 10 laps unless mentioned): National C'ship: Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-1): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) 12:11.514s; 2. Johann Reeves Emmanuel (Motul KTM Gusto Racing India) 12:13.197; 3. Rahil Pillarisetty (RACR Castrol Power1) 12:14.197.

Pro-Stock 165-200cc Open (Race-1): 1. Savion Sabu (Mad Rabbit Racing) 13:15.722; 2. P.M. Soorya (LGE Racing) 13:15.784; 3. Senthilkumar (RDX Torque Racing) 13:16.156.

Super Stock 165cc Intermediate (Race-1): 1. Raj Kumar (Motul Sparks Racing) 14:01.641; 2. Mohammed Samrul Zubair (Motul Sparks Racing) 14:08.520; 3. Kamal Navas (Rockers Racing) 14:22.495.

Stock 301-400cc (Novice, Race-1, 3 laps): 1. Mohamed Mikail (Mad Rabbit Racing) 4:03.706; 2. Varun Patil (Mad Rabbit Racing) 4:05.823; 3. Raivat Dhar (MAI Racing) 4:06.348.

Stock 165cc (Novice, Race-1, 4 laps): 1. Amit Prasad (Mad Rabbit Racing) 6:00.854; 2. Lal Nunsunga (Motul Sparks Racing) 6:00.884; 3. Hari Haran (RACR Castrol Power1) 6:00.958.

Girls (Stock 165cc, Race-1, 3 laps): 1. Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) 4:28.857; 2. Lani Zena Fernandez (RACR Castrol Power1) 4:37.835; 3. Saima Ajaz Baig (KYT Helmet ISBK Racing) 4:38.480.

Race-2 (8 laps): 1. Jagathishree Kumaresan 11:53.637; 2. Ryhana Bee (KYT Helmet ISBK Racing) 11:53.817; 3. Ann Jennifer (Motul Sparks Racing) 11:58.437.

Petronas TVS India One-Make Championship: Expert (Apache RR 310) (Race-1): 1. P. Mohan Babu 12:58.967; 2. Manoj Yesuadiyan 13:02.937; 3. G. Balaji 13:06.195.

Women (RTR 200, 8 laps): 1. Jagathishree Kumaresan 11:49.700; 2. S.P. Shuria 12:03.542; 3. Sarah Khan 12:15.987.

Rookie (RTR 200, Race-1): 1. Hari Haran 14:47.447; 2. A. Joshua 15:01.602; 3. Steve Waugh Sugi 15:01.775.

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: Honda CB 300F (Race-1): 1. B.A. Tejash (Tumakuru) 14:07.625; 2. Raivat Dhar 14:08.219; 3. Amit Prasad 14:14.584.

Ajay resigns as BFI Interim panel chief

BOXING

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Indian boxing's Interim Committee chairman Ajay Singh has stepped down from his post to contest this month's federation elections, where World Boxing President Boris van der Vorst will serve as an observer.

Ajay resigned from his post effective immediately, on Friday, a day after the Interim Committee formally announced the election date – August 21.

World Boxing, which constituted the Interim Committee in April to manage Indian boxing's day-to-day affairs following months of internal unrest, accepted Ajay's resignation on Saturday.

In his place, the international body has elevated Singapore Boxing President Fairuz Mohammed, who had been serving as World Boxing's observer in the panel, as the new Interim Committee Chair.

World Boxing has also confirmed that van der Vorst and acting Secretary General Mike McAtee will be present as observers during the elections.

Opponent
Anurag Thakur is set to be Ajay's primary opponent as it is learnt that Himachal Pradesh Boxing will once again nominate the former Sports Minister's name as its representative.

Double delight for Shaina

BADMINTON

Sports Bureau

Shaina Manimuthu clinched both the women's singles and under-19 girls' singles titles at the Yonex-Sunrise Karnataka State-ranking badminton tournament in Mangaluru.

The men's singles trophy was bagged by Nicholas Raj while the ynder-19 boys' crown was Abhinav Garg's.

Champions all: The winners of the Yonex-Sunrise Karnataka State-ranking badminton tournament in Mangaluru.

The results (finals):

Singles: Men: Nicholas Raj bt Tushar Suveer 21-11, 21-10. **Women:** Shaina Manimuthu bt Lakshya Rajesh 21-18, 21-12; **Doubles: Men:** Kishal Ganapathy & A.R. Sumith bt Kushal Raj & Prakash Raj 21-17, 21-19.

Women: Gloria V. Athavale & N.S. Prerana bt Ashwaty Varghese & Diya Bheemaiah 21-19, 21-14; **Mixed doubles:** Prakash Raj & Karnika Sree bt Kishal Ganapathy & Rashmi Ganesh 24-22, 24-22. **U-19: Singles: Boys:** Abhinav Garg bt Om Maka 21-12, 21-19; **Girls:** Shaina Manimuthu bt Diya Bheemaiah 21-10, 21-9.] **Doubles: Boys:** Amith Raj Natraj & Hardik Divyansh bt Chris Baptist & A.R. Sumith 21-18, 21-17. **Girls:** Ashwaty Varghese & Lakshya Rajesh bt Ishika Baruah Kashyap & Tanika Mohan 21-11, 21-11. **Mixed doubles:** A.R. Sumith & Diya Bheemaiah bt Chris Baptist & A.S. Mounitha 18-21, 21-9, 21-15.

Messi's India tour: opening leg in Kolkata

Press Trust of India
KOLKATA

If all the pieces fall in place, fans in Kolkata will have the first sighting of Lionel Messi after a decade on December 13 in the Argentine's whirlwind journey across Ahmedabad, Mumbai and New Delhi, culminating in a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sources privy to the development said arrangements have been finalised but an official confirmation from Messi is still awaited.

On Dec. 13 evening, Messi is slated to travel to Ahmedabad to attend a private event hosted by the Adani Foundation. He will reach Mumbai on Dec. 14.

Ishan Kishan to lead East in Duleep Trophy

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Jharkhand wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan will lead East Zone in the Duleep Trophy to be held in Bengaluru from August 28.

The star-studded team includes pacers Mohammed Shami, Akash Deep and Mukesh Kumar, apart from prominent batters such as Abhimanyu Easwaran and Riyan Parag. Teenage sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi is among the standbyes.

East will take on North in its first match from August 28 to 31.

Ishan. FILE PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

The squad: Ishan Kishan (capt., wk), Abhimanyu Easwaran (vice-capt.), Sandeep Patnaik, Virat Singh, Denish Das, Sridam Paul, Sharandeep Singh, Kumar Kushagra (wk), Riyan Parag, Utkarsh Singh, Manishi, Suraj Jaiswal, Mukesh Kumar, Akash Deep and Mohammed Shami. **Standbyes:** Mukhtar Hussain, Aasirwad Swain, Vaibhav Suryavanshi, Swastik Samal, Sudip Kumar Gharami and Rahul Singh.

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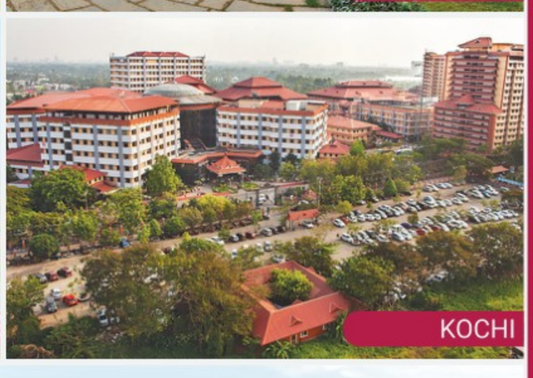

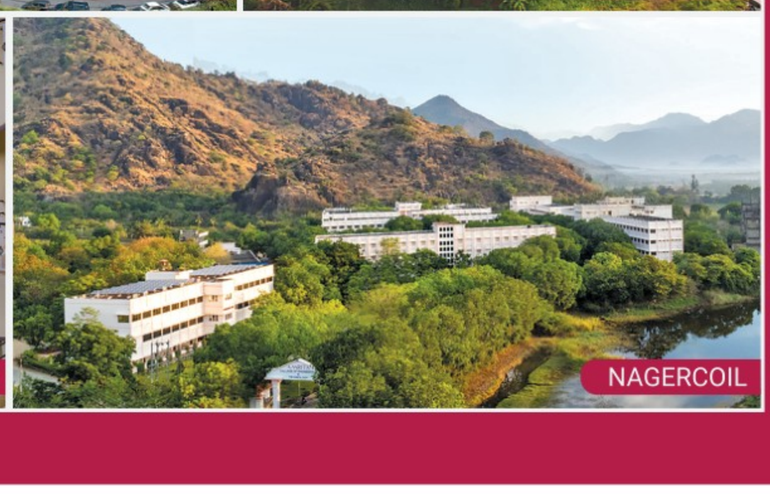

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